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Grand Master, 1935

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Melvin McKenzie Downey was born in the Township of Essa in the County of Simcoe in the Province of Ontario, on the 12th day of June, 1873. A few years later he removed with his parents to reside in the town of Listowel, Perth County, Ontario, where he received his early education in the Public and High Schools, afterwards attending Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute in the City of Toronto.

He then entered the service of the Dominion Post Office, becoming attached to the Railway Mail Department, in which he served for several years before joining the Civil Service of the Province of Alberta, in which he now occupies the position of Provincial Supervisor of Licenses.

Bro. Downey was initiated into Masonry early in 1900 in Nelson Lodge No. 23, at Nelson, B.C. In 1905 he affiliated with Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, G.R.M. (now No. 2, G.R.A.), at Medicine Hat, and became Master of this lodge in 1909. Having removed to Calgary he joined Zetland Lodge No. 83 as a charter member on its institution on December 18, 1913. Removing again he went to Edmonton and in 1922 affiliated with Strathcona Lodge No. 77. In 1930 Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44 at Wainwright made him an honorary member (later this was changed to Life Membership) and in the same year honorary membership was conferred on him by Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 in Edmonton.

In Grand Lodge he was appointed Grand Pursuivant in 1909. He also served as Grand Registrar in 1913. In 1916 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, near this Grand Lodge, and was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 12 in 1925. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1932, Senior Grand Warden in 1933, Deputy Grand Master in 1934 and in 1935 became Grand Master of Masons in Alberta. In the same year the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan elected him an Honorary Past Grand Master of their Grand Lodge on the occasion of his visit to their Annual Communication.

In Capitular Masonry he is a member of Alberta Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., and a Past First Principal. He was for three years Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, of which he became Grand First Principal in 1919.

He holds membership in Cyprus Preceptory No. 33, Knights Templar, serving as Presiding Preceptor in 1915 and as Provincial Grand Prior for Alberta in 1916.

He received the degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1929 and is a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Alberta.

In the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada Bro. Downey served as Grand Master in the year 1934.

He is a Past M. P. Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine and presently holds the office of Deputy Intendant General for Canada in the Imperial Conclave of England.

The foregoing summary of the Masonic activities of Bro. Downey indicates a life long interest in the Fraternity and in the various Masonic Orders mentioned, but especially in connection with Craft Masonry and the Holy Royal Arch, in both of which his long service and zealous activities have been rewarded by his brethren and companions in calling him to the highest office in their gift. As Grand Master he carried out the numerous duties of his office with the same zeal and energy, personally visiting many of the lodges, giving encouragement and where necessary sound advice and assistance in solving their problems. His organizing ability was strikingly evident in the success with which he ruled the Especial Grand Lodge and the Annual Communication.

M. W. Bro. Downey has not only been a consistent, enthusiastic Mason, but is also a conscientious citizen, ever taking a keen interest in his duties as such in the various communities in which he has resided. He, his wife, and children—three sons and one daughter—exemplify the tradition of sound family life, which is characteristic of the fine old Ontario stock from which they are sprung.

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Especial Grand Lodge

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Alberta assembled at the Central
Masonic Temple in the City of Edmonton, on Tuesday, June 9th,
A.D. 1936, A.L. 5936, at the hour of 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (44), Edmonton.....	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59), Calgary..	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. H. Norman Davis (2), Medicine Hat.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Robt. Cockburn (81), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. W. C. A. Watt (8), Innisfail.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. G. Y. Barnett (43), Killam.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58), Cardston.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. H. S. Macartney (56), Castor.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Robt. MacQuarrie (90), Edmonton.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. T. G. Govenlock (153), Whitecourt.....	D.D.G.M.
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R. W. Bro. A. West (7), Edmonton.....	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Snaddon (83), Calgary.....	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary.....	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142), Edmonton.....	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. D. K. Allan (46), Tofield.....	as Grand Chaplain
V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), Edmonton.....	Senior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. W. W. Howe (14), Edmonton.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
W. Bro. W. S. Kent (117), Edmonton.....	as Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. R. G. Vanderburg (51), Edmonton..	Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. R. C. Hargrave (70), Redcliff.....	as Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. G. T. Montgomery (13), Ft. Saskatchewan..	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Frank Grandage (79), Loughheed.....	Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

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M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer.
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M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), Edmonton
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Edmonton.
M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), Ponoka.
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Medicine Hat.
M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), Edmonton.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master, Grand Lodge
of Canada in Ontario.

OPENING

The Grand Master and his officers having assumed their stations and there being a constitutional number of lodges represented, the Especial Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and with prayer.

The Grand Secretary read the notice convening this Especial Grand Lodge. The Grand Master directed the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M., to take charge of and conduct the consideration of the proposed draft Constitution, copies of which had been forwarded to all lodges with the notice calling the meeting.

The following motion, of which notice was given on the summons calling the Especial Grand Lodge, was moved by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That

the Constitution of this Grand Lodge adopted at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on February 25, 26, 1919, and all amendments passed subsequent thereto be repealed, and that a new Constitution, a draft of which is attached hereto and forms a part of this resolution, be adopted in place thereof."

M. W. Bro. Blackstock spoke briefly stating what the committee had done in preparing the draft, mentioning that all suggestions had received due consideration and were attached to the copy under his hand. He then indicated the manner in which the draft should be discussed, taking the clauses in their order as numbered in the draft with reference to the clauses in the present Constitution that they referred to.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. W. W. Howe (14), "That any resolution to amend the Constitution moved on any day other than that allowed by the Constitution for the Annual Communication is out of order."

The motion was rejected.

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the draft Constitution be now discussed clause by clause."

Clause 4, page 1:

It was resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the words 'who must be an ordained clergyman' be deleted, after the word 'Chaplain' in the eleventh line."

It was resolved on motion of V. W. Bro. W. W. Ward (117), seconded by W. Bro. W. M. McConnell (117), "That Grand Pursuivant take precedence of Grand Stewards in list of officers."

Clause 6, page 1:

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), "That Clause 6 be deleted."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 9, page 2:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby (11), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That Clause 9 be deleted and Clause 6 in the present Constitution be reinstated in the proposed Constitution, with the exception in the fourth line of said Clause, that the word 'there' be substituted for 'a'."

Clause 16, page 2:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. H. E. Manning (114), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8), "That the last sentence in Clause 16 be deleted."

Clause 18, page 2:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. R. Bunn (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That Clause 18 be deleted."

Clause 20, page 3:

It was moved by W. Bro. R. M. Hibbert (63), seconded by Bro. T. R. Edwards (S.W. 7), "That Clause 20 be amended to read, 'The

Scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves, etc.'."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 22, page 3:

It was moved by W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), seconded by V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), "That the words in Clause 22 in brackets, 'except those of Grand Organist and Grand Tyler' be changed to 'except those of Grand Organist, Grand Tyler and Grand Chaplain'."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 5, page 1:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn (81), "That the final sentence of Clause 5 be amended to read: 'Neither the Organist nor the Tyler, etc.'"

Clause 26, page 3:

It was moved by W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson (142), seconded by V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), "That Clause 26 be deleted and the following substituted therefor: 'The Past Masters and the representatives of lodges within the district who are present at the Annual District Meeting shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master and the member chosen shall be declared elected when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master at the ensuing Annual Communication, and that such election shall be announced to all lodges in the district by the Grand Secretary as soon as practicable after the Annual Communication'."

Discussion ensued. W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson was given leave to redraft his motion, which then read as follows: "That Clause 26 be deleted and the following substituted therefor: 'The Past Masters and the representatives of lodges within the district who are present at the Annual District Meeting shall nominate three Past Masters of the district who would in their opinion worthily represent the Grand Master in such district, by reason of their outstanding ability, education and qualities of leadership. The Grand Master shall select the D.D. G.M. for each district at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge from among the names submitted to him as aforesaid, and such selections shall be announced to all lodges by the Grand Secretary as soon as practicable after the Annual Communication'."

It was then moved by W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24), seconded by W. Bro. J. Hamilton (80), "That the motion with regard to Clause 26 be amended by substituting 'one or more' for 'three' Past Masters."

On a vote being taken this amendment was declared "Carried."

W. Bro. Paterson's motion, as amended, was then submitted and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Especial Grand Lodge *Evening Session*

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Clause 26, page 3:

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), "That the decision on Clause 26 be rescinded and that discussion on the clause be continued."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by W. Bro. P. J. Blundell (15), "That Clause 26 be deleted and Clause 21 (b), (c), (d), and (e), of the present Constitution be substituted."

Clause 31, page 4:

It was moved by V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), seconded by G. L. Parney (14), "That the words 'in writing' be added after the word 'notice' in the fifth line."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 36, page 4:

It was moved by W. Bro. G. L. Parney (14), seconded by W. Bro. J. H. Sandilands (14), "That the word 'unanimous' in the second last line of the clause be deleted."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 37, page 4:

It was moved by W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson (142), seconded by R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the following be added to Clause 37: 'Except however that this clause shall not apply to any amendment to the Constitution to be considered at the 31st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, notice of which has already been given'."

This motion was rejected.

It was then resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. C. R. Bunn (29), seconded by W. Bro. A. Rutherford (90), "That Clause 37 be deleted."

Clause 43, page 5:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. W. W. Howe (14), "That Clause 43 be amended by adding after the word 'impress' the words 'or imprint'."

Clause 73, page 8:

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. W. W. Howe (14), "That Clause 73 be amended as follows: 'That the Grand Secretary notify all lodges semi-annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members'."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 125, page 11:

It was resolved, on motion of V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the following

words be added to Clause 125, immediately after the word 'present' in the fifth line thereof: 'and which said order may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present'.

It was further resolved, on motion of V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That in Clause 125, sub-sections 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 be deleted, and that the order of business after item 13 be: 14—General Business; 15—Election of Officers; 16—Installation of Officers; and that there be added to sub-section 10, item (d)—Report of Board of Benevolence."

Clause 132, page 12:

It was explained by the Chairman that a sub-clause had inadvertently been left out of this Clause, relating to fees payable by lodges on account of affiliates. This was covered by an amendment approved by Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in 1932, which read as follows:

"For every affiliate within this jurisdiction, one dollar registration fee, and for every affiliate coming from a foreign jurisdiction, a fee of \$5.00 be paid, \$4.00 of which shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund."—which he suggested be included as sub-clause 4, Clause 132, of the draft, which was approved by Grand Lodge.

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by W. Bro. H. S. Mann (29), "That except in the case of the first four items in Clause 132, Grand Lodge shall charge a fee not exceeding \$2.00 for all dispensations, certificates and registrations, as listed in Section 132."

Clause 133, page 13:

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), "That line 2 on page 13 of Clause 133 be amended to read 'fifty cents', and line 3 of the same Clause be amended to read 'forty cents,' and in line 8 'fifty cents' be deleted and 'forty cents' substituted."

The motion was rejected.

It was then resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That line 1 of Clause 133 on page 13 be amended to read 'seventy cents' instead of 'eighty cents', and the second line be amended to read 'fifty' cents instead of 'forty'."

Clause 134, page 13:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. G. L. Parney (14), "That the words 'before the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge' be inserted after the word 'fees' in the fifth line thereof."

Clause 144, page 13:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Hilton (92), "That the words 'Immediate Past Master' be added after the word 'Master' in the first line."

Clause 147, page 14:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson (142), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. MacQuarrie (90), "That Clause 147 be deleted."

Clause 149, page 14:

It was moved by W. Bro. W. H. Hilton (92), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. W. Burton (92), "That the following be added to Clause 149: 'That in case of a Worshipful Master being removed definitely, or by death or for any other cause, is unable to carry on, the lodge may proceed immediately to elect and install a Past Master to fill his office for the completion of the year'."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 169, page 16:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre (92), seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Hilton (92), "That Section 169 be deleted and the following substituted: 'All the business of the lodge must be done in the third degree, except degree work or ceremonies otherwise provided for. When degree work only is the order of business the lodge need only be opened at the discretion of the Master to such degree or degrees as is necessary for the conferring of such degrees and closed in the same degrees only'."

Clause 171, page 16:

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), seconded by W. Bro. A. C. Rowe (1), "That Clause 171 be amended to read by adding after the last line 'The W. M. has a second vote in case of a tie'."

The motion was rejected.

Clause 193, page 18:

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn (81), "That the words 'without a dispensation from the Grand Master' after the word 'made' in the fifth line be deleted, and the words 'A candidate cannot be initiated without a dispensation from the Grand Master' be added at the end of the clause."

It was further resolved, on motion of V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), seconded by W. Bro. A. Rutherford (90), "That in Clause 193 the words 'or in the case of a city or town, all lodges having concurrent jurisdiction' be deleted, and there be inserted instead the words 'except in the case of cities or towns containing more than one lodge'."

Clause 199, page 18:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. N. Luciw (101), "That Clause 199 be deleted and Clause 218(a) as passed in 1930, be inserted."

Clause 210, page 19:

It was resolved, on motion of V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), seconded by W. Bro. J. H. Sandilands (14), "That Clause 210 be deleted."

Clause 230, page 21:

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. R. MacQuarrie (90), seconded by W. Bro. A. Rutherford (90), "That Clause 230 be amended to read: 'Lodges may by by-law admit their members other than honorary members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. Notice of the proposal to elect a brother to life membership shall be given at one regular communication and placed on the notice for the next regular meeting. But the lodge shall nevertheless continue to pay to Grand Lodge the annual dues for such member'."

Clause 232, page 21 :

It was moved by V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), seconded by W. Bro. G. E. Cottle (77), "That the words after 'Lodge' in the thirteenth line 'and in case of honorary membership conferred upon a member of this jurisdiction, pay to Grand Lodge such dues are are payable for ordinary members' be deleted."

The motion was rejected.

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the regulations of the Board of Benevolence, as approved at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1935, be inserted in the Constitution in a place to be agreed on by the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution."

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the draft Constitution as presented and amended at this Especial Grand Lodge, be adopted as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, to become effective on 31st day of December, 1936."

The original motion, as amended by the foregoing resolution, was then put and declared "Carried."

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRIBUTION
OF MASONIC DISTRICTS**

Edmonton, June 9th, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Redistribution of Masonic Districts has given careful consideration to this subject and submits herewith a suggestion for revision, which the committee considers to be in the best interests of the Craft.

In any rearrangement it is necessary to review the situation from the standpoint of distance to be covered, facilities of travel and modern modes of transportation, as well as from the fact that District Deputy Grand Masters provide a voluntary service.

Your committee regrets that the wide area to cover in the short time at its disposal, has not permitted the list of proposed Districts being presented earlier, or in time for submission to the lodges affected. In the circumstances it is now submitted as a progress report for consideration at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1937.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. TRUESDALE,

Chairman.

R. W. Bro. Truesdale was granted permission to withdraw his notice of motion as appearing on the summons for this Especial Grand

Lodge, with reference to the alteration of Masonic Districts, on the understanding that it be brought forward at Grand Lodge in 1937.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CANADIAN WORK

M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Custodian of the Canadian Work, requested that Grand Lodge approve and authorize certain changes in the Opening and Closing Lodge Ceremonies of the Canadian Work, which recommendations he had made at the District Meetings last year and of which notice was given on the summons calling this Especial Grand Lodge. The proposed changes were then stated, and on a vote being called by the Grand Master were declared approved.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Especial Grand Lodge being ended, the Communication was closed in Ample Form and with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain at 11:35 o'clock p.m.



Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Thirty-first Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 10th, A.D. 1936, A.L. 5936, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey (44), Edmonton.....	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59), Calgary.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Fred Parker (9), Calgary.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. H. Norman Davis (2), Medicine Hat.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Robt. Cockburn (81), Edmonton.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. W. C. A. Watt (8), Innisfail.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. G. Y. Barnett (43), Killam.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58), Cardston.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. H. S. Macartney (56), Castor.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. Robt. MacQuarrie (90), Edmonton.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Collins (84), Champion.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. T. G. Govenlock (153), Whitecourt.....	D.D.G.M.
R. W. Bro. P. H. Raffan (113), Three Hills.....	D.D.G.M.
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V. W. Bro. W. E. Addinell (18), Ponoka.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. R. C. Hargrave (70), Redcliff.....	Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga.....	Grand Tyler

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M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary.
M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), Edmonton.
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), Hillcrest.
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), Edmonton.

M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), Ponoka.
 M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Medicine Hat.
 M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), Edmonton.

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British Columbia	M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Calgary
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Cuba	R. W. Bro. D McIntosh	Edmonton
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England	M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite	Edmonton
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Western Australia	R. W. Bro. John Hening	Edmonton
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OPENING

The members having assembled in the lodge room, the Grand Master, accompanied by the Past Grand Masters and Officers then entered and assumed their stations, when Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

The M. W. the Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank to retire and introduce to Grand Lodge M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, K.C., M.P. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada

in the Province of Ontario. M. W. Bro. Anderson was received with the honors becoming his station, welcomed by the Grand Master and escorted to the Grand East. In a few well chosen words he thanked Grand Lodge for the reception accorded him and expressed his pleasure at being present at this communication.

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

The Grand Master then suspended labor, when M. W. Bro. John Martland was requested to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor of the City of Edmonton, Joseph A. Clarke, K.C., who welcomed the members of Grand Lodge to Edmonton as follows:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

"Unfortunately I am not in a position to address you more familiarly at the moment. I want to say I belong to two or three other Orders, many of whose members belong to the Masonic Order and I think it is worthy of note that the best that is in your Order has been adopted by these other organizations. All fraternal organizations have been built upon the foundations laid by the Masons because you were built many years before any other organization was formed, and I say this without casting any reflection on any other Order. I want to welcome you here in that capacity as representing the largest organization of Fraternal Orders, the practice of whose principles has been such that these I do not believe have ever been criticised. I think your Order stands pre-eminently above others in taking care of those dependent upon you and I think that is a praiseworthy cause. I want to congratulate you and the lodges in Edmonton on a successful convention and I want to welcome you to this city. As Mayor of the City and also as one of the members of the Police Commission you are entitled to stay all week if you want to, or as long as the convention lasts and I take it as a great honor to be allowed to come here and welcome this convention, and I do so whole heartedly and I want to say that I appreciate this opportunity from the bottom of my heart."

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, at the request of the Grand Master, replied in appropriate terms.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

His Worship the Mayor having retired, labor was resumed when the Grand Secretary, at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, called the roll of the Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, and the representatives present extended fraternal greetings from their respective jurisdictions to the Grand Master and were received with Grand Honors.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in the following words, welcomed the Grand Representatives:

"I wish to thank you for your presence here today as representatives of the Grand Lodges in Canada, the British Empire and elsewhere throughout the world. This Grand Lodge thanks you for the services rendered in the past to Masonry, thus furthering the kindly feeling that has existed between this Grand Lodge and the Jurisdiction you have the honor to represent. On behalf of Grand Lodge I bid you welcome and would ask you to convey to your respective Jurisdictions our fraternal good wishes and the assurance that we bid you God speed."

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, replied as follows:

"I bring you the greetings of the United Grand Lodge of England, and in reply to your gracious answer to our greetings may I say that it is an honour to be a Representative. Some of us get it by right of seniority, others in recognition of work done for our Grand Lodge, while some of us have the privilege of representing our Home Countries. I am an Englishman, but have been fifty-two years in Canada. Whatever Grand Lodge we represent I think it brings the whole world together and shows us how universal Masonry is. May I say that if our principles were followed out there would be no such thing as war. I thank you, M. W. Sir, for your reception of us."

WELCOME BY EDMONTON LODGES

W. Bro. James W. Weir, Master of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, on behalf of the thirteen lodges located in the City of Edmonton, welcomed the Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge as follows:

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

"It is with a deep feeling of pride, as well as one of pleasure and satisfaction that the ruling Masters, representing the thirteen lodges of Edmonton, extend to you a warm welcome and offer their fraternal greetings on the occasion of this the Thirty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

"We say that it is with pride that we welcome you. You yourself, M. W. Sir, belong to Edmonton, and we have watched with growing respect your elevation to the exalted position which you now hold. Not only for this, but for the excellence of government which you and the officials of Grand Lodge have exercised during your term of office. We have observed the dignity, the worthiness and the wholesome character of the services which you have rendered and we feel that these qualities of good workmanship give undenyng evidence of the close harmony that must exist between the Work and the moral principles that underly it.

"We say that it is with pleasure that we welcome you. The pleasing character of your visits has been an inspiration, for in them one has perceived the working of the finest influences for good, those early suggestions which in the ancient days gave Masonry a habitation and a name.

"From our pride and pleasure comes the satisfaction that the Craft is still, by design and by operation, in harmony with the plans traced out in the Beginning for the development of Spiritual Man.

"Therefore we welcome you, Most Worshipful Sir and the Officers of Grand Lodge and we trust that your endeavors in this communication will be guided by the Perfect Pattern of Masonic Jurisdiction as it exists in the mind of the Great Architect in the Heavenly Lodge above.

"With earnest thankfulness, we, the Masters of the Edmonton Lodges herewith subscribe our names to this Address of Welcome.

James W. Weir.....	Edmonton Lodge No. 7
S. P. Dalton.....	Acacia Lodge No. 11
Geo. Parney.....	Jasper Lodge No. 14

T. M. Champion.....	Unity Lodge No. 51
R. M. Hibbert.....	Empire Lodge No. 63
R. H. Leaver.....	Strathcona Lodge No. 77
C. Cormack.....	Commercial Lodge No. 81
V. C. Marshall.....	Norwood Lodge No. 90
M. S. Eby.....	Patricia Lodge No. 91
W. G. Scott.....	Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92
J. W. Bate.....	West Edmonton Lodge No. 101
W. M. McConnell.....	Dominion Lodge No. 117
Blair Paterson.....	Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142."

The Grand Master replied as follows:

"Brethren:

"On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alberta I wish to thank you for your kind words of greeting today. During the year I have visited from time to time the lodges of which you are the ruling Masters. I am most happy, W. Bro. Weir and my dear brethren to meet you all again.

"You are the hosts today of Grand Lodge and I wish to express my appreciation of the time and labor you and your officers have expended in preparation for this communication. The local arrangements have been carried out in such a manner as to leave nothing to be desired and we can assure you the members of Grand Lodge are quite comfortable.

"Might I express the wish that your lodges will have continued prosperity."

HIS MAJESTY THE KING

The following resolution was moved by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), and adopted by a standing vote of Grand Lodge with the singing of the National Anthem:

"Whereas since our last Grand Communication our late beloved King, George V, passed to his Eternal rest. And whereas his son, our Most Worshipful Brother, King Edward VIII has ascended the Throne. And whereas the high offices which he has held in the Craft will now be relinquished by His Majesty. Be it resolved: That this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., now in session respectfully tenders to His Most Gracious Majesty the King, its deepest sympathy at the passing of his Father of blessed memory, as well as to his Mother, our Gracious Queen Mary, and to the other members of his Royal House, together with the assurance that the devotion to the Crown expressed in the past will be continued to His Person and His Throne in the deep and affectionate loyalty that has been borne towards Himself for so many years as H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. And that, although it is with a sense of deep regret, it is recognized His Exalted position requires the severance of those ties involved in high office in the Craft. The united wish and prayer of every member of this Grand Communication is for a long and happy reign, which can best be expressed in the time-honored words, 'God save the King'."

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142), "That the minutes of the proceed-

ings of Grand Lodge at the Thirtieth Annual Communication, held in the City of Calgary, on June 12th and 13th, 1935, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

The following telegrams from Grand Lodges were received and read:

"Your Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba extends to our Daughter Grand Lodge of Alberta our kind fraternal greetings and best wishes for a very successful and happy communication.

"J. H. G. RUSSELL,
"Grand Secretary."

"The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia about to assemble extends hearty greetings to the Grand Lodge of Alberta and desire to express the hope that your Annual Communication may prove a happy and prosperous session.

"JAMES C. JONES,
"Grand Secretary."

"The Grand Lodge of Iowa sends this greeting evidencing the universal bond of fraternalism existing between us. May your Thirty-first Annual Communication be most helpful and inspiring.

"C. C. HUNT,
"Grand Secretary."

"The Grand Lodge of Oregon in Eighty-sixth Annual Communication sends hearty fraternal greetings to the Craft in Alberta. May your Annual Session be most happy and beneficial to the Craft.

"D. R. CHENEY,
"Grand Secretary."

"Grand Lodge of Vermont in Annual Session heartily reciprocates fraternal greetings of their brethren in Alberta and best wishes for a prosperous year to come.

"A. S. HARRIMAN,
"Grand Secretary."

The Grand Master announced that fraternal greetings had already been wired to these Grand Lodges and ordered that the telegrams be recorded in the Proceedings and filed.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from the immediate Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, who since last Grand Lodge has been removed from the Province to Winnipeg, Manitoba. The kindly greetings and fraternal wishes expressed by M. W. Bro. Bowes were greeted with applause and the Grand Master directed that the following telegram be sent him:

"Letter received and greeted with hearty applause. Grand Master and Grand Lodge, especially companions of your year of office, send sincere and affectionate regards."

Telegrams and letters were also received from the following members of Grand Lodge, extending fraternal greetings and regretting their inability to be present at this communication: M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. C. W. Carney, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6; R. W. Bro. J. J. Watson, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7; R. W. Bro. W. P. Griffiths, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, P.G.T.; R. W. Bro. R. Lyttle, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Rep. G. L. Chile; R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Rep. G.L. Alabama; R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Rep. G.L. Victoria;

R. W. Bro. A. C. Moore, P.D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. J. O. Patterson, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis, G.P.; V. W. Bro. T. W. Matthews, G.S.; W. Bro. H. C. Graham, Grand Rep. G.L. Florida; and W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone, Dist. No. 7.

Letters of condolence on the passing of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood were received from the Grand Lodges of North Dakota, Kentucky, Norway and Philippine Islands and were ordered to be recorded and filed.

A communication from Past Grand Master Burton H. Saxon of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, together with a copy of resolutions relative to the Flag Ceremony held at their Annual Communication in 1935, was received and ordered filed.

A letter from the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was read, extending an invitation to this Grand Lodge to affiliate with their association. It was subsequently resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That this letter be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to act."

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Grand Master's Address

My Brethren:

I extend to you my sincere fraternal greetings at this Thirty-first Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. Each succeeding year a Grand Master has come before you with a detailed report of his official acts. It is a privilege to have this opportunity of extending to all of you a very cordial welcome to another Annual Meeting. Our Grand Lodge was brought into being through the earnest efforts of a few Masons and only a few of those present at the Institution are with us today. Time makes many changes. I express the hope that you will find pleasure and inspiration in your association with each other in being present, and taking part in our deliberations. The happenings of the past year have seemed to cause the time to pass more quickly than with its usual speed. It appears just a few days ago when I was elected to the office of Grand Master and yet the year has passed and we are again assembled to review and to take counsel. It seems to me that everyone united in a desire to make my problems lighter, to help me in every way to be of service to my fellowmen and all seemed to have an objective—the upbuilding of the great principle of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

I particularly welcome those Masters and Wardens who meet with us for the first time. The Worshipful Masters and Wardens of constituent lodges are a part of this Grand Body and are entitled to participate in, and enjoy, all the privileges and pleasures of it. Bear in mind, then, that this is your Grand Lodge.

The year just passed has been a trying one in many respects. It has left its mark on our Dominion, our Province and every centre in our land, but we are happy in the thought and in the hope that the coming year will bring back, to some extent at least, the sunshine and prosperity that has been so conspicuous by its absence in the last half decade. The past year has been one of the most quiet in the entire history of Grand Lodge. It is difficult for the Mason of today to appreciate the heritage we enjoy as the result of the labor and the sacrifices of those who have guided the destinies of Grand Lodge in this province during the last thirty years.

Opportunity for service, thoughtful action on the part of the entire membership, unselfish demonstration of the love of one for another, could not help but bring happiness and contentment of mind to those who are touched by such activities.

We have again this year suffered a net loss in our membership, and while the percentage of loss is less than it was last year, it was not unexpected. Some of the lodges have been fairly active in conferring degrees, but on account of losses by death and suspensions, the result has been a decrease.

OUR DEVOTED SOVEREIGN KING GEORGE V

Passed peacefully to his rest.

After a brief illness this past year our Beloved King George V was gathered unto the sepulchre of his fathers. On January 16th last the late King George V was reported as suffering from a slight

cold which developed into bronchial catarrh and on January 20th he passed peacefully away. This sudden announcement shocked and stunned the British peoples, the Imperial peoples, and indeed people of all nations the world around.

For King George ruled by representing what was best in his subjects and, generally speaking, what was best for the world. As he represented so simply, so forthrightly, that which was good and true, all good and true men felt kinship with him. Goodness of heart, breadth of sympathy and wisdom were so blended in him that his subjects leaned on him as on a tower of strength.

In private life King George V was an English gentleman, with essentially British tastes. He was a fine human man, husband and father.

To those of his own generation and to those of generations still unborn he will be known as George the Beloved—and by what nobler name than this can he be remembered.

OUR EMPIRE AND OUR FRATERNITY MOURN

Following the death of our Beloved Sovereign, I cabled the King as follows:

Edmonton, January 20th, 1936.

"King Edward VIII,
St. James Palace,
London, England.

"The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, extend to the Queen Mother, yourself and other members of the Royal Family profound sympathy in your bereavement.

"Melvin M. Downey,
Grand Master."

The following reply was subsequently received:

Government House,
Ottawa,
27th February, 1936.

"Sir:

"I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General is commanded to express to the Grand Master and Members of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Alberta the sincere thanks of His Majesty the King, Her Majesty Queen Mary and the Members of the Royal Family, for your kind message of sympathy in their irreparable loss.

"I have the honor to be, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) ARTHUR S. REDFERN,
Secretary to the Governor General.

"Melvin M. Downey, Esq.,
Grand Master, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.,
Edmonton, Alberta."

I then forwarded the following official letter to all lodges throughout the jurisdiction:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

Edmonton, Alberta.

January 23rd, 1936.

To All Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Greeting:

Brethren:

The British Commonwealth of Nations mourns the death of our most beloved and illustrious Sovereign, KING GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, KING, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, EMPEROR OF INDIA. The late Sovereign had been invested with the decorations of the Legion of Honor of France, St. Andrew of Russia, Annunciation of Italy, Elephant of Sweden, Christ of Portugal, Maha Chagri of Siam, Collar of Carol I of Rumania, and many other Foreign Orders. The Honorary Degree of LL.D. was conferred on him by the following Universities: Cambridge, Wales, London and Glasgow; the Degree of D.C.L. by Oxford, Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide. In Canada he was so honored by McGill, Laval, Toronto and Queen's, and you, his loyal Subjects, in the capacity of Masons, are ordered to hold a Lodge of Mourning.

The late King was son of a Grand Master, King Edward VII, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; and he was the Father of King Edward VIII, Elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. What endeared King George V to the Members of the Craft over the world was his care for the comfort and the happiness of his people, his tenderness of heart, his sympathy with the down-trodden and oppressed, his solicitude for the afflicted. He has been to us more than King—in him mercy seasoned justice. When he spoke to us, it was as to the Members of a Family. And we mourn the death of the kindly, considerate head of the Great Family to which we felt we belonged.

Wherefore, you will hold this Lodge of Mourning on Sunday, the 2nd day of February, 1936, at 3 p.m., according to the Service given.

All Lodges are ordered to be appropriately draped in mourning, and the said drapery shall remain hung for a period of two months.

Fraternally and sorrowfully,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Grand Master.

(SEAL)

Attest:
J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Secretary.

Thus, throughout the jurisdiction, on the same day and at the same hour, we mourned the loss of our loved sovereign.

Never was a monarch mourned as was King George V. All nations, all creeds, all classes, joined in paying tribute of respect and affection. There were human touches which brought the Royal family in their grief very near to the world's heart. There was that incident where the new King and brothers early in the morning and unannounced came down to Westminster Hall and for a time stood guard over the body of their father. There was the pale, grief-stricken face of King Edward as, preceding his brothers, he walked behind the gun-carriage, bearing the coffin from the Hall to the railway station. There was the impulsive, almost boyish love with which he flung his arm around his mother when, after the simple burial service, the coffin had been lowered into the grave in St. George's Chapel.

How simple and touching was the Queen's message:

"I commend to you my dear Son as he enters upon his reign, in confident hope that you will give to him the same devotion and loyalty which you gave so abundantly to his father."

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Well it has been said:

"There is a spirit whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

The funeral bell has tolled in our ears and the mourners have gone about the streets. Day after day the reminders of mortality have crossed our path.

Many sister Grand Lodges since last we met, have surrendered to the Grim Reaper valued and experienced Craftsmen. We reverently tender to them our condolence and sympathy. From amongst our lodges many brethren have passed over to the life beyond in the Grand Lodge above. Leaders in their respective lodges, outstanding men in all communities, have handed to others the torch of Masonry, which they have held high during their years of activity, and have wrapped the draperies of their couch about them and laid down to pleasant dreams. Of all these the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead will worthily speak.

May I, however, be permitted to say a few words about two prominent Masons—one a Past Grand Master of our own Jurisdiction and the other a distinguished Mason of England.

IN MEMORIAM

M. W. BRO. FREDERICK S. SELWOOD

One by one the Great Reaper of Time will gather us in. Masonry is continually building for that higher and better life. The Great Light of Masonry, the Volume of the Sacred Law, is continually before us, as the rule and guide to our faith. If we accept the Truth, Heaven does not seem so far removed from earth, the mysteries are not so

perplexing, our doubts clear away and we have an abiding faith that all is well.

Such was the last message received by your Grand Master from M. W. Bro. Frederick Shelton Selwood. On August 8th, 1935, our dearly beloved and highly esteemed Past Grand Master was called to his Eternal Home. At the time of his death he was serving as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations, was also particularly interested as a member of the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge and a member of various other committees.

In the highest sense of the term, my brother was a patriotic citizen. He had an infinite capacity for taking pains, and no labor was too difficult when undertaken for his City, his Province or his Country. His scholastic career was brilliant, as a boy in the Public School at Listowel, Ontario, as a youth in the High School in the same town, and as a young man in Toronto University. Teaching for some years in various High Schools in the Province of Ontario, he left that profession to study law and was admitted to the bar in Boston in the year 1903.

In Freemasonry he gave to Craft Masonry his first thought. He not only knew his ritual but he knew how to interpret it before the brethren. In Royal Arch Masonry he served his Grand Chapter as Grand First Principal Z. In the Cryptic Rite he was, at the time of his death, Inspector General for the Province of Alberta, and was also a most ardent Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He was not a professional writer, yet the product of his pen commanded the favorable comment of the ablest literary critics. Last July it was my privilege to sit in with the Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and the opinion was expressed "when M. W. Bro. Selwood recommends anything it is safe for any Grand Lodge to follow Alberta's lead."

It was my privilege to know Bro. Selwood since we were small boys and in the same Sunday School class. During the years that followed and for over fifty years we have been fairly well associated in many activities.

Though his sudden going came as a great shock, his friends realized that the sands of life were running out. Fearless but tender, he was ever the manliest of men. His character was strong in the elements of loyalty, sincerity, and self-sacrifice. His mind was cast in a mould broader and deeper than that of most men, and it responded in its every fibre to the test of Truth. Perhaps his most marked characteristic was in his thorough-going intellectual honesty. He was strong in his convictions because based upon what, after careful study, he believed to be truth and right. As a speaker he was convincing, which is the test of all true eloquence, because he assured himself that his premises were true and then followed wherever they logically led. He indulged in few flowers of rhetoric, but when so doing it was for the purpose of illuminating, not obscuring, the truth. His broad learning and his honesty always secured for him a careful hearing and made him a tower of strength in any cause which he advocated. In the bestowal of official honors he was little influenced by his likes and his dislikes, and personal friendship was made subordinate to loyalty to the cause. Few men have been more zealously devoted to Masonry than our brother; yet, not like some others, he did not make it his religion. He loved his church and was busy in its activities. To him his lodge was secondary when the calls of religion were made upon him.

Lodge and church to him were as a pair of scissors, each co-operating with and aiding the other. He had so lived that the road's last turn was the best. We mourn him with true Masonic sorrow, reverencing his memory, endeavoring that he shall not have lived in vain. We can all work better because of his example and inspiration.

TO. M. W. BRO. SELWOOD

"Through the distance between us I stretch my hand;
The deepening shadows are dull and gray;
Will it reach your own in some distant land,
Where you will grasp it and understand
All that I long to say."

LORD AMPTHILL

Sir Arthur Oliver Villiers Russell, 2nd Baron of Amptill and Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England and Provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire, passed away in England, July 7, 1935. Lord Amptill was born on February 19, 1869, and was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford. At the latter institution he received the Master of Arts degree.

In 1904, he was made Viceroy and Governor-General of India ad interim. In 1900, Lord Amptill was created a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, and four years later, a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.

He was initiated in Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1890. In that year he became Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire. Since 1890, he was Master of several lodges, and from 1901 to 1908, was District Grand Master of Madras. From 1908 until the time of his death, he was Pro Grand Master of England. During this time, he was also Pro Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masonry of England. In Mark Masonry he was Past Provincial Grand Warden of England. He was also ex-officio Patron of each of the three Royal Masonic Institutions.

INTERJURISDICTIONAL VISITATIONS

The following week, after the close of our last meeting, I was privileged to be a guest at the 29th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Time does not permit me to give you a detailed report of this meeting. The Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. Royal Burritt, was also present and I shared with him the honor of being made an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

In response to an invitation I attended the 76th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, which was held in the City of Hamilton on July 17th and 18th, 1935.

The following Grand Masters were present:

M. W. Bro. Malcolm A. Campbell, Quebec; M. W. Bro. R. Burritt, Manitoba; and M. W. Bro. C. L. Allen, Massachusetts. There was much to learn in attendance at this Communication in Ontario. Business was carried on in much the same manner as in our own jurisdiction, and yet I found some things different and some of these things I liked.

Today we welcome the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in the person of M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, K.C., M.P. We are honored by the presence of this distinguished brother. M. W. Bro. Anderson for many years has been recognized as one of the leaders of the Fraternity in Ontario, where his services are in great demand.

May the presence of this illustrious visitor form another tie binding us to our brethren throughout the Dominion in the bonds of mutual love and appreciation.

It affords me great personal, as well as official pleasure to welcome this brother to our Communication, in the hope that he may enjoy his sojourn with us while he gives to us light and leading.

I received an invitation to attend a dinner on October 26th, 1935, in Vancouver, given by the Worshipful Masters of the thirty-six lodges of that City in honor of M. W. Bro. George C. Derby, Grand Master of British Columbia. I regretted that I could not be present and requested M. W. Bro. Hon. R. S. Thornton, M.D., of Vancouver, to represent me. Following the banquet I received a letter from M. W. Bro. Thornton informing me of its success, and that he responded to the toast of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, a territorial Jurisdiction of which he was Grand Master thirty-five years previously.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I attended all the District Meetings except that of District No. 13 which is situated in the Peace River district. On account of the flood conditions around Slave Lake and Slave River it was considered unwise to make the trip at the date set for this meeting.

At the fifteen District Meetings I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. William M. Connacher, Custodian of the Ancient York Work, and M. W. Bro. John H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary and Custodian of the Canadian Work. A number of Past Grand Officers in various districts were in attendance and took part in the discussions. I am particularly indebted to R. W. Bro. William Ireland, President of the Board of Benevolence, who attended several of the meetings and addressed them on the benevolent work of Grand Lodge.

The trips between the points at which meetings were held were most pleasant. The arrangement by which M. W. Bro. Connacher placed at the disposal of Grand Lodge his beautiful and commodious car made the attendance simple, and provided a most pleasant holiday for the Grand Secretary and Grand Master. I am indeed very much indebted to Bro. Connacher.

Along this line one cannot speak too highly of the splendid work of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Each of them made plans which when brought to fruition provided splendid meetings.

One or two of the meetings did not meet with the success I anticipated, but the brethren interested are desirous of a program which will popularize them and bring out an attendance.

At Medicine Hat, Calgary and Edmonton we had as our guest speaker M. W. Bro. Reginald V. Harris, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia. At Lethbridge we had R. W. Bro. Timothy C. Wardley, Chairman of the Benevolent Board of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. M. W. Bro. Harris is the author of a number

of Masonic plays which have been staged by various Lodges throughout the Province.

While not attempting to give details of all the District Meetings, one can be excused for mentioning a few. The meeting of District No. 8 was a surprise in many ways. It was decided to hold this meeting in St. Paul's Residential School, which is presided over by M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, as Principal. This school is situated in the midst of a thriving Indian farming settlement at the south end of the Blood Reserve. On our arrival we were met by Bro. Middleton who placed at our disposal every facility for our comfort and enjoyment. Not to be forgotten was our visit the following morning to the Mormon Temple. R. W. Bro. Betts is to be congratulated on the splendid arrangements made for this meeting.

When we learned that the meeting at Killam would fall on Thanksgiving Day, one of our party felt the date should be changed. It was thought wise, however, to keep to the program. This meeting in District No. 5 was equal if not larger in attendance than the one at Medicine Hat. Apparently Thanksgiving Day is a good day for a District Meeting.

At a number of meetings suggestions were made that some of the districts should be rearranged. In most of these cases the difficulty would be solved if the meetings were always held in the centre of the district. Might I suggest that the districts interested take this suggestion into consideration.

At every District Meeting the Grand Officers were royally received and entertained. Every Masonic courtesy was extended to us and we were received with the most kindly hospitality. This was much appreciated. It is impossible for any Grand Master to meet all the lodges in the jurisdiction except he were in office for years and were a man of leisure. The District Meetings were devised and furnish an opportunity for the Grand Master to meet the officers and representatives of the different lodges. For this reason alone the meetings are worth while. They are, however, for instruction, and the representatives of lodges find an opportunity of straightening out many difficulties. In leaving the subject let me hope that Grand Lodge and the constituent lodges will do everything possible to make these meetings a success.

VISITATIONS

It has been my endeavor, and I have considered it a duty, to visit the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, particularly those in the northern part of the Province. Accordingly I made some 70 visits.

On the invitation of various lodges and by the co-operation of officers interested, I succeeded in arranging joint meetings in many instances, and thus had the pleasure of meeting the officers and brethren of many lodges.

I was privileged to have charge of the Installations of seventeen lodges and assisted in other similar ceremonies.

I installed officers in the following lodges: West Edmonton, No. 101; Jasper, No. 14; Patricia, No. 91; Palestine, No. 46; Connaught, No. 69; Dynamic, No. 96; Victory, No. 112; Gratton, No. 144; Buffalo Park, No. 44; Edgerton, No. 102; Crescent, No. 87; Saskatchewan, No.

92; Strathcona, No. 77; Camrose, No. 37; Coal, No. 62; Meridian, No. 129; Onoway, No. 138.

On June 15th, 1935, I visited Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, and was entrusted with a gavel to be presented to Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, located at Saskatoon. This pleasant duty was performed while I was in attendance at the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

On June 18th I visited Unity Lodge No. 51, on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary. This lodge has been most fortunate in having had in its early years the guiding hand of R. W. Bro. David McIntosh who has been the installing officer each year for twenty-five years. I had the privilege of presenting this illustrious brother with a life membership certificate.

On December 14th I visited Crescent Lodge No. 87 on the occasion of the celebration of its 21st Anniversary. Though never a member of this lodge, it was one I attended frequently during my residence in Calgary, and it was a distinct pleasure to take part in the proceedings, install the Master and invest the other officers. In my youth, I knew the brother of David Livingstone, the African explorer and Missionary, and my pleasure was enhanced on this occasion when I installed into the oriental chair a lineal descendant of this great man's family.

On the evening of April 7th, 1936, accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. West, Junior Grand Warden, and R. W. Bro. Robert Cockburn, D.D.G.M., and other Grand Officers, I visited Star of the West Lodge at Leduc. This was the occasion of a reception and presentation to R. W. Bro. A. R. Ennis, who has missed only thirty meetings of his lodge during the last twenty-five years. This is a splendid record.

On April 16th, 1936, I visited Zetland Lodge No. 83 on their Canadian Night. The speaker of the evening was Bro. George A. E. Macdonald, D.D., of Edmonton. Ashlar Lodge No. 28 and St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 paid a fraternal visit on this occasion. This was by far the largest gathering to which I was privileged to speak during my year of office. The interest of the evening was enhanced by being requested to present, on behalf of Central Lodge No. 402, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, a fifty year jewel to R. W. Bro. Justice A. H. Clarke (member of the Supreme Court of Alberta). This was a splendid tribute to a brother who has rendered distinct service to the Craft in Ontario and Alberta.

On April 14th, 1936, accompanied by a number of Grand Lodge Officers I visited Norwood Lodge No. 90. This was the occasion of the burning of the mortgage on the Masonic Temple in Norwood District in the City of Edmonton. This lodge is to be congratulated in having its building free of debt.

I attended the 25th Anniversary of Empire Lodge No. 63 on May 18th, 1936. This was also the occasion of their 6th Annual Empire Night. The ceremonies were under the direction of M. W. Bro. John Martland, and were most impressive. Representatives were received from all Grand Jurisdictions within the Empire. On this visit I was accompanied by several Past Grand Masters, and the two Grand Wardens, R. W. Bros. Claire Hartman and Archie West.

The outstanding visitation of the year was to the 50th Anniversary of the institution of Alberta Lodge No. 3, at Macleod, on May 27th. The occasion was particularly marked by the honoring of M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, the sole surviving charter member

of the lodge, who on the unanimous request of the lodge presided during the proceedings.

I was accompanied by eight Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. At this Jubilee gathering there were also present a large number of old timers, among them V. W. Bro. John Herron, who was the first Master of Spitzie Lodge No. 6 at Pincher Creek.

A complete history of the lodge had been prepared by V. W. Bro. Dr. A. H. N. Kennedy, the introduction of which was read by R. W. Bro. G. Rider Davis, the Secretary of the lodge. This historical sketch was a masterpiece.

The local arrangements left nothing to be desired. This visit will live long in my memory.

I regret that I was not able to accept the following invitations:

Innisfail Lodge No. 8, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the lodge.

Crossfield Lodge No. 48, being its 25th Anniversary.

Wahpan Lodge No. 88, being its 25th Anniversary.

THE FAR NORTH

During the year the northern part of the Province has suffered much from floods. This was particularly true of the region tributary to the Slave Lake district. The condition of the highways and the flooding of the railways made the trip such that one was not sure when the return trip could be made from the Peace River country. On this account I did not attend the meeting in District No. 13. Representatives from some of the northerly situated lodges were not able to attend for the same reason.

During the latter part of September and early in October I made the trip by motor, visiting all the eight lodges in that section of Alberta. On a number of visits I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris who continues to serve Masonry most unselfishly. These lodges have their own problems, but similar in many respects to the lodges in the older settled parts of the Province.

Northland Lodge No. 147, which had some problems last year, has had a new lease of life and the prospects are much brighter. They still have difficulty getting attendance at meetings. Hythe Lodge No. 156 owns its building. Last year it had some problems along financial lines, but happily these have been removed and with a live Master in the chair prospects are very bright. Sexsmith Lodge is very active, but feels the loss keenly of W. Bro. T. C. Bruce, the founder of the lodge. The other five lodges are older and are not experiencing any particular difficulties. They have all tried craftsmen to guide them in the solution of their problems. Four of the lodges in this district own their buildings, and the financing is in fair condition.

I spent some time with the committee of Grand Prairie Lodge who have arrearages of dues in hand. These brethren are handling the situation in a truly Masonic manner which reflects credit on the lodge of which they are members.

To arrive in the Peace River via motor, it was necessary to undergo a few hardships, which experiences were always interesting. On the

trip north, out of Edmonton, we made a start the night before so as to arrive early in the morning at the "scow", which plied over the flooded area. On arrival we found one scow had broken down and we were delayed twenty-four hours, but fortunately accommodation was given us in a tent over night, for which we were very grateful. We drove our car on the scow and enjoyed the privilege of a cruise up the Slave River. There was not the same delay on the return trip as we made better connection with the transfer. Altogether the trip of 1200 miles enabled one to get a fair insight into conditions of the Craft and the country generally.

BENEVOLENCE

As reports reached me from month to month of the activities of the Board of Benevolence I was much impressed with the various aspects of this most important work. The President and members of the Board give of their time unstintingly. Members of the Boards in other Jurisdictions voluntarily make investigations of conditions surrounding our beneficiaries who reside outside the Province. To these brethren we are much indebted.

This Board functions continuously throughout the entire year and I would be remiss in my duty if I did not remind Grand Lodge of the faithful services rendered by the Board of Benevolence.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education, R. W. Bro. Hedley R. Chauncey, has given of his time freely to Grand Lodge, which services are duly appreciated. Our brother will present the report of that Committee. There is, however, a phase of Masonic Education to which I should refer.

Since 1928 the Installed Masters' Association of Alberta has been functioning most satisfactorily and it is with sincere regret that I announce to Grand Lodge the disbanding of this organization.

V. W. Bro. O. L. Phelps has been Secretary of this group of Past Masters in Edmonton who have rendered distinct service to the lodges in this jurisdiction. Much of the work along Research and Education in this body of Masons has fallen to the lot of Bro. Phelps.

During these years 3,873 addresses and papers were distributed throughout the Province at no cost to Grand Lodge.

When in attendance at the various District Meetings one heard the most kindly comments on the work of Bro. Phelps and those associated with him. If possible this work should be continued through our committee on Research and Education, as many lodges have depended on these brethren for supplying material for papers and addresses.

At the close of their seven years of labor this association presented the Edmonton Branch of the Grand Lodge Library with the following:

Fifty Typewritten Addresses and Papers—also one "folder" of eight addresses.

Eleven copies of "Ars Quatuor Coronati."

Pamphlet—"First Steps in Freemasonry."

Pamphlet—"Evolution of the Second Degree."

23 copies of "Miscellanea Latomorum."

"Mackey's History of Freemasonry." (7 vols.)

"British Masonic Miscellany." (20 vols.)

"Selected List of Masonic Lectures."

"Freemasonry Before the Existence of Grand Lodges."

"Side Lights on Freemasonry."—Lawrence.

"Highways and By-Ways of Freemasonry."—Lawrence.

"The Keystone."—Lawrence.

Also a large number of "Grand Lodge Proceedings" from most of United States and the Provinces in Canada.

The organization had a cash balance on hand amounting to \$100.00 which they turned over to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

To the brethren who comprised this organization we are grateful.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year I was pleased to approve the appointment of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Bodies, as follows:

The National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia—R. W. Bro. Lev. Schwarz.

Quebec—R. W. Bro. C. E. Christie.

The Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings—R. W. Bro. Ferdinand Schwab.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico—W. Bro. H. G. Michell.

National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France—V. W. Bro. A. V. Clark.

I also recommended the following brethren to represent other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge:

The National Grand Lodge of France—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Kirby.

Philippine Islands—W. Bro. Alfred W. Trickey.

Georgia—W. Bro. Wm. H. Hilton.

Idaho—W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote.

Minnesota—W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison.

Oregon—R. W. Bro. James McGhee.

The National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia—M. W. Bro. John Martland.

Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings (Prague)—M. W. Bro. John T. Macdonald.

COMMISSIONS

Upon the request of King George Lodge No. 59, at Calgary, my predecessor, M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes, appointed a Commission to try a brother against whom a charge of unmasonic conduct had been laid. This Commission found the charge to be true and the accused brother was indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of Free Masonry.

Upon the request of Perfection Lodge No. 9 at Calgary, my predecessor, M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes, appointed a Commission to try a brother against whom a charge of unmasonic conduct had been laid. On account of the death of the Chairman, and the removal from Calgary of another member of the Commission, I appointed a new Commission. This Commission ordered that a severe reprimand be administered to the offending brother, which was administered by the Worshipful Master of the lodge.

RULINGS

Rulings were asked on a number of cases which were clearly defined in the Constitution. To these I referred to the Sections of the Constitution in question.

The following rulings I have considered worthy of particular mention in this address:

In a number of cases I was asked whether an unmarried young man, who earned his livelihood away from his father's residence and town, could put in an application to the lodge in the town where his parents resided. I ruled the applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise.

I ruled that an election of an officer of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not.

I ruled that notice of motion shall be given for the resolution to vote on the conferring of Life Membership on a member of the lodge for distinguished services rendered to the said lodge.

I ruled that when the Worshipful Master or other officer of a lodge, has been re-elected he should be installed and invested in the regular manner. The Master should be obligated for the faithful discharge of the duties for the year in which he has entered. At his first election he was of course installed; now by the law of Masonry an old officer carries on until his successor is installed. But in this case he is his own successor and if, on his second election he does not again pass through the ceremony of installation, it is evident that he holds the office to which he has been elected, not by tenure of that election, but by the tenure by which an old officer retains his office until his successor is installed. The Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full.

APPOINTMENTS

During the recess of Grand Lodge I made the following appointments:

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, I appointed W. Bro. Alfred W. Trickey (28), a member of the Board of Benevolence.

To fill the vacancy caused by the removal of M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes from the jurisdiction I appointed V. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124) a member of the Board of Benevolence.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney of Manyberries, I appointed R. W. Bro. H. N. Davis (2), District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2.

Following the recommendation of my predecessor I appointed M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis and M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland and R. W. Bro. George Moore a committee to take into consideration our present forms, and draw up any additional forms necessary.

To draw up a special financial report form for the use of lodges I appointed a committee composed of R. W. Bro. A. West and R. W. Bro. W. Ireland.

To revise the Burial Service I appointed a committee composed of W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, R. W. Bro. R. H. Lyttle, R. W. Bro. Fred Parker, and V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman.

As recommended by my predecessor I appointed M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), V. W. Bro. K. J. Morrison (59), and W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83), a committee to bring in a report to Grand Lodge as to the basis on which Life Memberships might be granted by lodges, and suitable fees to be paid to Grand Lodge. This committee will make its report at this communication.

I appointed a committee to take into consideration the revision of the present districts: The committee was composed of the following: R. W. Bro. Frank V. Truesdale, R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Snaddon, R. W. Bro. James McGhee, R. W. Bro. Joseph Madill and W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote. The report of this committee was dealt with at the Especial Communication yesterday.

BY-LAWS

During the year one lodge in the jurisdiction adopted new By-Laws. Twenty-seven adopted amendments to their By-Laws, many of which were of minor importance. It was noticeable, however, that the lowering of the fee was receiving attention from many lodges. A number of our lodges have made some progress by changing from the moon schedule to a regular date of meeting.

LODGE ROOMS BURNED

In September, 1935, Excelsior Lodge No. 80, at Strome, lost by fire its entire furniture, regalia and other equipment. There was sufficient insurance to permit of the brethren replacing the destroyed goods. A duplicate Warrant was supplied and the lodge immediately commenced to function again. Melrose Lodge at Daysland gave this lodge the use of their lodge room.

Patricia Hall in Edmonton was a total fire loss on February 8th, 1936. For a number of years this building has been a Masonic landmark in the City of Edmonton. Insurance was carried, but not sufficient to cover the loss. A duplicate Warrant was issued which enabled the brethren to meet again as a lodge, and they are now meeting in the Central Masonic Temple.

MASONIC BULLETIN

In accordance with the motion passed at the last Grand Lodge Annual Communication I caused the Bulletin to be issued. I requested M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell to edit the publication. Seven issues have been mimeographed, which have contained interesting articles that I trust the brethren found to be informative and instruc-

tive. To many lodges this is the only source of Masonic information reaching them. During a visit to one lodge the Worshipful Master requested a brother to read the latest issue. This plan might well be adopted in most lodges, especially when there is no work. The lodge copies could be further circulated among the brethren.

I would recommend that the publication be continued with three copies sent to each lodge and that the Masters be requested to bind together the various issues and have the combined copies available for any member of the lodge.

GENERAL

At the close of a year's work I am impressed with the splendid services rendered by the District Deputy Grand Masters. To some the work given was particularly heavy. I specially wish to express my appreciation to R. W. Bro. J. J. Watson of District No. 7, who handled for Grand Lodge a very delicate problem most successfully. He gave unstintingly of his time and energy.

During the year it has been reported to me that volumes professing to be copies of our work have been purchased and used by brethren in our lodges. This matter should receive the attention of the Board of General Purposes and such action, as they deem wise, should be taken to correct this irregularity.

Before this address is presented, the Especial Grand Lodge will be over and the result of its deliberations fully known. I wish to thank M. W. Bro. Gilbert Blackstock and his committee for the work they have done in connection with the Revision of the Constitution. I was anxious that the report be presented at this Especial Grand Lodge. The Revision of the Constitution at this time was made possible through the co-operation of the Grand Secretary and R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland.

CONCLUSION

The present situation in the world is troubled enough to make a pessimist of even a hopeful man. If men in our day are worn with doubts, weary with vain strivings, puzzled with the alarmed conferrings and disputings, and almost hopeless of the destiny of humanity, it is ours to support their failing faith. What a difference the life of one man can make! The appeal of Masonry is to the individual, and it is only as the individual recognizes the principles of truth and honor, the claims of justice and righteousness, that these great evils which would destroy governments and involve the whole social fabric in one common disaster, may be dethroned.

We have a glorious tradition which we should transmit unimpaired to the future. But let us understand what in it is fundamental and eternal and what is mere interpretation so that we may choose that which was beneficial in the past. Let us, while we have it, use it well so that it is of service to the present. Also let us not fasten anything upon it for while it may serve our purposes today, it may become a handicap in the future.

The challenge of the age to our Fraternity demands that we be co-laborers in building in the world a structure whose towering walls, whose graceful arches, and whose glittering domes and pinnacles shall be imperishable because they are founded on eternal truth.

As a final word, permit me to remind you that Freemasons are pre-eminently a society of builders. They are pledged to aid every constructive movement and encourage every ennobling influence. Their buildings may be of mortar, brick, and stone, but they are much more interested in the "temple of living stones," which typifies our great brotherhood, and in that "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

"To every man there openeth,
A way, and Ways, and a Way.
And the High Soul climbs the High Way,
And the Low Soul gropes the Low.
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way, and a Low;
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go."

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Grand Master

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead would bow with you and acknowledge with reverence the illustrious lives of those of our Fraternity, who, during the year ending December 31st, 1935, have been translated to the Grand Lodge Above.

They are no longer with us, but their work survives, and though they are dead they still speak to us by their deeds.

In the Book of Wisdom it is written: "In the memory of Virtue is immortality, because it is recognized both before God and men. When it is present men imitate it, and they long after it when it is departed. And throughout all time it marcheth crowned in triumph, victorious in the strife for the prizes that are undefiled."

(Wisdom IV-1-2.)

And so in true Masonic Spirit we assent to the poet's word:

"I know transplanted human worth
Will bloom to profit other where."

Of our own jurisdiction one hundred and fifty-nine brethren have left us and though all have an equal share in our thoughts we would make especial mention of the following:

Grand Lodge suffered a serious loss in the death of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., who up to the time of his final illness was one of our most active Grand Lodge members, working on several committees and giving much of his time to Masonic matters.

Another serious loss was sustained in the death of R. W. Bro. John M. Courtney, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, and a P.M. of Manyberries Lodge No. 133, early in his year of office. R. W. Bro. Courtney was rapidly taking a prominent place in Masonry and had he been spared would have been a most valuable member of Grand Lodge.

Among the Past Grand Officers we have to mourn the deaths of the following:

R. W. Bro. Harry W. Evans, P.M. of Cascade Lodge No. 5, who was one of our first Grand Stewards, being appointed in 1905. He was also D.D.G.M. in 1911 of District No. 1.

R. W. Bro. Alexander Cameron, P.M. of Summit Lodge No. 30 and D.D.G.M. of District No. 8 in 1911. This brother was 80 years of age at the time of his death.

R. W. Bro. Percy Hugh Belcher, who at the time of his death was a Life Member of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105. In the early days he was a member of North Star No. 4, and later a member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, and was D.D.G.M. of District No. 13 in 1926.

R. W. Bro. Emil W. Pust, P.M. of Rockyford Lodge No. 123, was D.D.G.M. of District No. 16 in 1930.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Dobson, P.M. of Cornerstone Lodge No. 14, was D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 in 1931, whose death has occurred since the close of the year.

V. W. Bro. Donald Hope, one of the oldest Masons in the Province, a charter member of Bow River Lodge No. 1, who before he came to Alberta held office in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was Senior Grand Deacon of our Grand Lodge in 1912 and Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1914.

In addition to these distinguished brethren, we have to record the loss of many of the old time members of the earlier lodges. Prominent amongst these might be mentioned Bro. Col. James Walker, of Bow River Lodge No. 1, who was well known throughout the province; Bros. Wm. Crawford of Medicine Hat No. 2; George Farquhar of Alberta No. 3; B. B. Hoyt of North Star No. 4; Richard Secord of Edmonton No. 7; F. W. Krause of Red Deer No. 12; E. R. Doty of Mizpah No. 35; C. C. Snowden of Mount Lebanon No. 54, and T. A. Bowen of Empire No. 63.

The names of these brethren will bring to the memory of many the work that these old time members did both within and without the lodge for Masonry.

Since the last communication of Grand Lodge we have received special memorial notices of many distinguished brethren of other jurisdictions. Together with our own we commend them to the Almighty and Eternal Being Whose essence is Love.

"Dust to dust, but the pure spirit shall flow
Back to the burning fountain whence it came,
A portion of the Eternal which must glow
Thro' time and change unquenchably the same."

Your committee recognizes its task as the commemoration of our fellow-workers departed and, adapting a prayer of the last century, we pray:

*"Grant, O merciful God, that we all use this time of work while it is called today, remembering gladly and thankfully those who have gone before, who have stood by us and helped us in past days, who have cheered us by their sympathy and strengthened us by their example; that when the time of our departure hence shall come, we may have a good hope of rest with them in Paradise, and with them finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.
Amen."*

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM P. GRIFFITHS,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Parker (9), seconded by V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge be assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 15, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration and approval, my report as your deputy for Masonic District No. 1.

As requested by you, M. W. Sir, I visited all the lodges in my district officially before Christmas last, although, owing to my being away from Calgary all the summer, it very much crowded things to do this before the installations. In addition, I had the pleasure of visiting many lodges unofficially since Christmas, which gave me an opportunity to observe the routine work of lodges as ordinarily carried on. Year by year the D.D.G.M. repeats, as I have pleasure in doing, that all the lodges stress their loyalty to the Grand Lodge, and its officers. To date, May 15th, it has been my pleasure to make 52 official and unofficial visits, and I can but say, as is evident, I hope, that every single visit has been a pleasure and an inspiration. Fitting reference elsewhere will be made to the lamented death of our late King Geo. V., for which, as requested by you, M. W. Sir, our lodges restricted their activities, which naturally interfered with my official itinerary.

DISTRICT MEETING

The first important event in my year of office was the District Meeting, which this year was held on Wednesday, September 18, 1935, at the Masonic Temple, Calgary. The curious spectacle was seen, at this meeting, of my successor being elected before I had started my duties. The early date was chosen by our Grand Master because he wished to take advantage of the presence in Calgary at that time of several prominent churchmen attending Synod. Wonderful addresses were given by M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, of Nova Scotia, our Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers. Our Grand Master, in paying our district meeting an official visit, was accompanied by M. W. Bros. Blair, Connacher, Kemmis, R. W. Bros. Macaulay, D.G.M., and Hartman, S.G.W., and other Grand Officers. The meeting in the afternoon was fairly well attended, and interest well shown in the proceedings, which culminated in the election of the D.D.G.M. for 1936-37. The ballot resulted in the election of W. Bro. R. M. McCool of Crossfield Lodge No. 48. The evening meeting was very largely attended and was magnificently addressed by M. W. Bro. Harris, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, on "The Early History of our Order in Canada," starting from 1738 A.D. It may be news to our brethren to hear that our talented visitor is at the present time working on a history of the Masonic Order in Canada, a duty and pleasure for which no one is better fitted. This history should be available to the Craft by the end of the present year.

During the evening the members expressed the opinion that the District Meeting should be held a little later in the fall, if the Grand Master could make it convenient.

At this meeting the Grand Master presented M. W. Bro. Con-nacher of Perfection Lodge No. 9, with an illuminated address and a Mantel Clock on his regretted retirement as Chairman of the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge, a position he had held for over 25 years.

Fitting and sympathetic reference was also made by the Grand Master to the recent passing of M. W. Bro. Selwood, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Almost before the officers for 1936 were able to take up the duties of office, word was received of the passing of our beloved sovereign. In due course we heard from our Grand Master that a special memorial service would be held on Sunday, February 2nd, at 3 o'clock. Arrangements were made with the Masters of Calgary lodges to hold a united service at Knox United Church, presided over by the D.G.M. Masonic brethren filled the centre part of that great church, and a splendid oration was delivered by M. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby. Altogether the ceremony was worthy of the occasion and of our Masonic Order.

On December 21st, at Concord Lodge No. 124, I was delighted to be present at the Installation meeting to witness the presentation of a jewel to Bro. G. Kemm, of Halifax Lodge, Nova Scotia, on his being a Mason in good standing for fifty years. Also, on April 16th, a similar jewel was presented to R. W. Bro. Justice A. H. Clarke, by our Grand Master, at Zetland Lodge, at their annual Canadian Night. The later section of the meeting, around the refreshment table, was addressed by Bro. Rev. G. A. Macdonald from Edmonton. This talented brother, garnishing his opening remarks with wit and humor, addressed us in a manner long to be remembered, and gave ample testimony of his interest as a Masonic student, of the wisdom, strength, and beauty of our institution.

Three outstanding events in a great year.

WORK

I am glad to report that largely because of the interest displayed by previous Grand Masters, the work of the various lodges is keeping well up to recognized standards. I have pointed out that the proficiency in the work can only be attained by sustained and sympathetic practice. Again, it is far more common now than formerly, to see brethren from the side, doing certain duties delegated to them by the W.M.'s. This practice should be encouraged, because it unearths potential officers as well as keeps interest. It was also a great pleasure to note that in general the officers and their assistants have taken to heart previous admonitions to put into the several lectures more expression, with better pronunciation. Whilst admitting that word perfection is not wished for or desired, if it be possible, it is still more creditable. I can assure you, M. W. Sir, that the work is in safe hands in District No. 1.

GENERAL

Under this heading many views can be expressed both critical and otherwise. As a start off, I am happy to say that I honestly

believe that on the whole the Principles of Masonry are being lived up to by the brethren in this district. There has been one aspect which I feared at first was being stressed more than necessary, and that was the service club type. I have not hesitated to point out that this was, and still is a real danger to our Order, if first things are not given first place.

I am glad to report, in the opinion of the W. M.'s that attendance has certainly improved during the past year, largely because of organized committees, as proposed by the last D.D.G.M. Another factor in increased attendance and interest, is that a different attitude has been taken in connection with members in arrears. The large lodges in particular, have adopted a system of personal approach and arrangement in meeting arrears of dues. A brother saved to us is a brother gained.

Most of the lodges are deriving a very great deal of pleasure and benefit from Masonic Research and Education. Whilst as ever, it is still true that most are prepared to leave it to the other fellow, many are now actively engaged in studying the history and teachings of the Order, which may yet help to bring our world out of chaos into a new civilization.

It has been a practice in this District, for city lodges to largely help the country lodges, in the conferring of certain degrees. On many occasions during my term of office, this has been done, to the great advantage of country brethren. I wish to tender my grateful thanks to those who have so kindly helped out. Until the depression period is over, the city lodges may yet feel it incumbent upon them to do still more for the country lodges, than has yet been done. It has been my pleasure to accompany you, M. W. Sir, on your three visits to Calgary lodges, and speaking for the lodges concerned, I hope you had as much pleasure in visiting as we received from your visits.

In the matter of arrears, which has been one of real concern, my reports show that much improvement has taken place this last twelve months. The changed attitude which has taken place, particularly in the large lodges, has resulted in much dead wood being thrown overboard, and an energetic attempt made to meet our less fortunate brethren more than half way. Many members have been recovered to us who were dropping out by the wayside.

CONCLUSION

To my brethren of District No. 1, I can never be sufficiently thankful for the great honor they conferred upon me, by electing and recommending me to the Grand Master as the D.D.G.M. of their district. I can truthfully say that I esteem it as the greatest honor ever to come my way, and having accepted it, determined to try to live up to the reputation of our past D.D.G.M.'s. "Anything worth doing is worth doing well" has been before me as a motto. If my brethren have gained a little by my visits and talks, I have gained far more in making many real friends, and have been given the privilege of delving deeply into Masonic lore.

I am deeply grateful to the many Masters and Past Masters who, with other members have travelled with me, making my visits a round of delight.

As a last word I cannot close without paying a well-deserved tribute to my friend and Secretary, W. Bro. Venables, who by training and love for his work, idealistically carried out his duties. I would respectfully suggest, M. W. Sir, that something other than "I thank you" is due to our District Secretaries after their duties are discharged.

As a last word, M. W. Sir, I have appreciated very much being your District Deputy, and tried to follow out your every wish.

Faternally submitted,

FRED PARKER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, May 22nd, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report for Masonic District No. 2 for the year 1935-36.

As you know, I again undertook the duties of D.D.G.M. for this district following the sudden and regrettable decease of R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney, who had been installed into the office at the last session of Grand Lodge, and who was only just entering enthusiastically upon his engagements when he was stricken. This, therefore, represents my second term of office.

All the lodges of the district will have been visited, two by the late R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney, one (by Proxy) R. W. Bro. J. R. Donaldson and five by myself. The "arrears-of-dues" situation has shown improvement this year, particularly in 1936 which of course is not included in the figures given below.

Below is a brief summary of the statistical report attached, showing a net decrease in membership of 16 computed as follows:

To Deaths	14	
Suspensions N.P.D.	10	
Demits	11	
	—	35
By Initiations	14	
Affiliations	3	
Restorations	2	
	—	19
Leaving Net Decrease of	16	

The liquid assets of lodges in the district (Cash and Bonds) .	\$11,949.99
Total Liabilities	2,523.56
Total Assets over Liabilities	26,409.24

Paid out in Benevolence.....\$ 771.63
 Total Insurance in force..... 15,300.00
 Lodges owning their buildings, 3; Rentors, 5.
 Official Visits were as follows:
 Grassy Lake, No. 57—Oct. 10, 1935, by R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney.
 Mizpah Lodge, No. 35—Oct. 15, 1935, by R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney.
 Quarry Lodge, No. 70—Feb. 4, 1936, by R. W. Bro. H. N. Davis.
 Bassano Lodge, No. 55—Mar. 10, 1936, by R. W. Bro. J. R. Donaldson.
 Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2—Apr. 14, 1936, by R. W. Bro. H. N. Davis.
 Bow Island Lodge, No. 64—April 21, 1936, by R. W. Bro. H. N. Davis.
 Manyberries Lodge, No. 133—May 5, 1936, by R. W. Bro. H. N. Davis.
 Brooks Lodge, No. 73—May 19, 1936, by R. W. Bro. H. N. Davis.

DISTRICT MEETING

September 11, 1935. The District Meeting was held at the City of Medicine Hat at an unusually early date; which was arranged to coincide with a visit from M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, K.C., Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, also M. W. Bro. Yorke, of Regina, Grand Master of Saskatchewan. The meeting was outstandingly successful. Every lodge in the district was represented. The meeting was opened promptly by the officers of Mizpah Lodge No. 35, and closed by the officers of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2.

M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master, was present and was accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Short reports were given respecting Masonic conditions in the district. A P.D.D.G.M. Jewel was presented to R. W. Bro. H. Norman Davis by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, on behalf of the district. W. Bro. William Hyland of Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1936-37, and Medicine Hat was chosen for the next District Meeting. At 5:30 p.m. the meeting welcomed the arrival of M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris of Nova Scotia, being introduced by M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher and J. H. W. S. Kemmis, in a suitable manner and received with Grand Honors; after which the Masonic play "For the Honor of the Craft" was produced by members of the two Medicine Hat lodges. It is of particular interest to note that the author of this play (and several others) is M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, who expressed pleasure at having the opportunity of witnessing it. The evening session was given over to a Banquet and Masonic addresses, and was largely attended. This meeting, as in the case of the afternoon session, was capably presided over by the late R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney, D.D.G.M. The Grand Master's address was practical and thoughtful. M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris gave an outstanding and inspiring address as also did M. W. Bro. Yorke. Appropriate toasts and responses were given and the meeting was most successful.

October 10, 1935. Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57, was officially visited by the late R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney. This lodge is not very active and needs encouragement. Arrears of dues are heavy.

It has been my intention to visit this lodge, but severe weather and bad roads, and other conditions beyond control prevented my doing so, but some attention will be paid to it.

October 15, 1935. R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney's last official act was the visiting of Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, on which occasion I was present. The attendance was very good, and several brethren from Manyberries accompanied the D.D.G.M. This lodge is in excellent condition; the tone is good, and officers capable in all departments. Research, study and lectures form a large part of this lodge's activity. The Canadian Work is practised by Mizpah Lodge and is exemplified in an efficient manner.

December 27, 1935, St. John's Night. M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock performed the ceremony (in a manner we have been taught to expect of him) of Installing and Investing the Officers of the two Medicine Hat Lodges and Quarry Lodge, No. 70. The attendance was excellent. The usual St. John's night banquet featured the evening, at which were heard many excellent addresses. I was asked to preside as Toastmaster.

February 4, 1936. In company with a number of Medicine Hat brethren, I officially visited Quarry Lodge, No. 70, at Redcliff. There was no degree work, but an address of much interest on the life of Robert Burns was delivered by W. Bro. A. Learmouth, stressing particularly Burns' devotion to Freemasonry. This lodge is functioning satisfactorily, though the dues should be higher. The officers are capable. The Secretary keeps the records in good shape and up to date. The tone of the lodge is good and the Past Masters are active in its affairs. Arrears of dues are reduced from last year.

In my report last year I referred to Bro. Henderson who until very recently had been an active member of Quarry Lodge, but who has been unable to attend this year, owing to indisposition. This brother is in his 98th year, and though the flesh is weak, the mind is still alert and vigorous. He is Alberta's Grand Old Man of Masonry.

March 10, 1936. At my request and by permission of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. R. Donaldson, officially visited on my behalf Bassano Lodge, No. 55. The third degree was conferred very creditably. The attendance was good from the Bassano district, but bad roads prevented many country members from being present. Bassano Lodge is well quartered and capably officered and records are well kept. Arrears of dues, however, are extremely heavy and definite action should be taken to improve this condition, either by remission where justified, or by suspension where indifference is responsible, which can be determined best by its own members.

April 14, 1936. I officially visited Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, my mother lodge, on the occasion of its conferring the second degree on two candidates. This was carried out in perfect manner by the Lodge officers. Both Medicine Hat lodges take their Freemasonry seriously and work in harmony, by frequently joining forces in carrying out Research programs. Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, is in excellent financial condition. Records of all kinds are kept in first class order. Arrears of dues are slightly higher than last year, but this is well controlled. A considerable amount was expended in Benevolence.

April 21, 1936. I visited Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, officially, in company with several visiting brethren. No work was exemplified and

the lodge was somewhat late in opening up. The officers are earnest and sincere, but should familiarize themselves a little more with the correct procedure in carrying on lodge work. The Secretary has records in good shape. There is a considerable improvement in the dues account from last year. The Past Masters are active and the general tone good, but could be improved. No doubt this will be evident during the coming year, as a result of Bow Island Lodge supplying the D.D. G.M.

May 5, 1936. After several postponements due to impassable roads, I was able to officially visit Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, on this date, and was accompanied by a number of Medicine Hat brethren. The third degree was conferred, the working being done in a sincere and dignified manner. This lodge is enthusiastic and conferred the largest number of degrees last year, of any lodge in the district; at the same time they exercise care in accepting applications. The Secretary is capable and painstaking, the minutes are well written, and all records properly kept. Arrears of dues have been cut nearly a third of their previous year's total, indicating improved conditions and proper attention having been given this important matter. Manyberries Lodge suffered a serious loss in the decease of R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney, who was one of its most active members.

May 19, 1936. I arranged to officially visit Brooks Lodge, No. 73, on this date, but was called to Calgary the day previously and had to delegate my duties to R. W. Bro. Jesse Elliott, who kindly consented to act. I was able to reach Brooks after the lodge closed, but while the brethren were gathered at refreshment. This lodge exemplified the first degree in a very worthy manner, the Master and officers being proficient and workmanlike. This lodge is in excellent condition and its members are enthusiastic. Several Medicine Hat brethren were present. I regret to say that R. W. Bro. C. E. Anderson, their efficient Secretary, suffered the loss of his father recently and was absent in Eastern Canada to attend the funeral. Our deepest sympathy goes out to R. W. Bro. Anderson in his loss.

In conclusion may I first of all express the deep regret and sorrow of District No. 2 in losing such an energetic and highly regarded Mason in R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney. We are the better for having known him, and the poorer for his passing. Freemasonry can ill afford to lose such men.

I deeply appreciate the honor done me in requesting me to carry on his duties which in spite of many other calls on my time and energy, I have endeavored to carry out in a manner befitting the office.

In the course of my visits, I have tried to impress on those present, the value of their membership in our great Order, the individual responsibilities of each towards his brothers and the Order at large, to recall the vow taken at the N.E. angle of the lodge at his initiation, and the need of a definite objective to work for.

I once more recommend a rearrangement of meeting nights of lodges in each district, to avoid conflicting with each other, which would facilitate the working out of a visiting program for the D.D.G.M. and enable a greater number of members to accompany him, which is desirable and important in promoting inter-lodge co-operation for the good of the Order.

I again recommend in spite of the reference to the matter in the Finance Committee's report at last session, that further consideration be given to the establishing of a fund raised by a small but definite contribution monthly by the Masons of Alberta with the objective of providing either (1) Higher collegiate education facilities; (2) Scholarships; (3) Modern and fully equipped institution for care of the sick; (4) Home for aged Masons, who need care. A small amount per Mason per month would do surprising things, and provide something to arouse our Masonic pride.

I appreciate very much the great and invaluable help given me by R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams, as District Secretary, who did not hesitate when called on, and without whose aid I would have found it difficult indeed to carry on. I also thank those many brethren who accompanied me on my visits, which was appreciated by the several lodges, and improved the fraternal spirit of the meetings. I am also obliged to the members of the lodges of the district, for the cordiality of their reception of me and those accompanying me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. NORMAN DAVIS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 11, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is with a sense of gratitude and satisfaction that I submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District for the year 1935-36. Gratitude for the untiring efforts of the officers and members of the various lodges in the district who placed so much of their time at my disposal in an effort to bind closer the bonds of brotherhood throughout the district. Gratitude also, M. W. Sir, for the advice and encouragement you so kindly extended to me, and for your expressions of appreciation of our efforts, and satisfaction in the condition of Masonry throughout the district, with prospects brighter than for several years past.

On entering upon my official duties on June of last year, I was somewhat alarmed at the feeling of uncertainty as to the future, which seemed to prevail in some of the lodges. In the course of my visits, I found that the problem of arrears of dues was responsible for this feeling. However, I am pleased to report that the problem, although not completely solved, is being handled in a fair and reasonable manner. Reason has displaced fear and uncertainty. Worthy brethren are receiving every consideration. Dead wood has been, and is being cast adrift, and a better understanding among officers and members alike has been established.

During the year I have visited each lodge in the district officially, and also made a number of unofficial visits. I have found every lodge

functioning properly with capable officers. The high standard of efficiency for which each lodge in this district is noted, has been maintained.

As I am attaching to this report Financial Statements of each lodge and details of Assets and Liabilities, it will be unnecessary for me to make a statistical summary here.

Our Annual District Meeting was held in conjunction with Districts Ten and Twelve on Saturday, September 21st, in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton. The attendance for the three districts was only fair. The interest in District Meetings as far as this district is concerned, has been on the wane for the past few years, and perhaps we ought to enquire as to whether the purpose for which this meeting was originally instituted, now exists. The address at the evening session by M. W. Bro. Reginald V. Harris, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was exceedingly interesting and instructive, and left the impression that after all our District Meeting had not been in vain.

The Church Service on the Sunday following the District Meeting, which you, M. W. Sir, were instrumental in organizing, was a memorable occasion. The address by His Grace Archbishop Bro. Owens, Primate of Canada, and the Praise led by a large Choir of Masonic brethren, left a deep impression.

I have been privileged to witness the conferring of degrees in each of the lodges in this district, and have found the officers fully capable. The traditional dignity of our ceremonies is being maintained.

My first visit was to Unity Lodge No. 51, when I accompanied you, M. W. Sir, on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of this lodge. R. W. Bro. David McIntosh, the first Master of the lodge, again occupied the Chair. I also attended their Installation Ceremonies, when he acted as Installing Master for the twenty-fifth consecutive year. He recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. I therefore desire to take this opportunity of conveying to him the congratulations of the brethren of this district, and now that he has retired to some extent from active service, we trust that in his eventide there may be light.

On my visits to the various lodges, I endeavored to make personal contacts with the members as far as was possible. This, in my opinion, should be the main duty of a District Deputy. I was particularly fortunate in being able to spend considerable time with the members of Jasper Park Lodge No. 143, and Edson Lodge No. 68. For this privilege I am indebted to W. Bro. Alex Gray of Jasper Park Lodge, and W. Bro. James Bryson of Edson Lodge. These brethren willingly placed their time at my disposal, and made it possible for me to meet individually so many of the members of their respective lodges. M. W. Bro. John Martland, P.G.M., accompanied me on my official visit to Edson Lodge, and with his assistants gave a portrayal of the First Degree. I also had with me on this occasion forty-five member of my own lodge—Commercial, No. 81—as well as a number of other brethren from several Edmonton lodges.

On my visit to Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, I was agreeably surprised in meeting M. W. Bro. Snedden, P.G.M., who with several brethren, motored from Ponoka to give me their support. This was a thoughtful gesture which was appreciated. I was greatly impressed

with the ability of the Worshipful Master and Officers of this lodge, and also the keen interest of the members in the business of the lodge.

Meridian Lodge, No. 129, Stony Plain, and Star of the West Lodge, No. 34, Leduc, although smaller numerically than the other lodges in this district do not, and need not, concede pride of place to the numerically stronger lodges. Both are efficiently managed, and the true Masonic spirit is in evidence amongst the members. Your visits, M. W. Sir, to these two lodges, were much appreciated.

Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, is a strong lodge numerically, and powerful¹ Masonically. Its influence extends far beyond this jurisdiction. Here one contacts Masonic History reflected in its antiquity, and cherished in the hearts of the members. It isn't therefore surprising that the officers and members of this lodge impressed me with their idealism. On my official visit they presented the Masonic Play "The Turn of the Tide" under the direction of W. Bro. Fred Whitfield, and arrangements have been made to have the same cast present this play at Jasper Park Lodge on May 23rd.

My own lodge—Commercial, No. 81—completes my report. Modesty forbids much elaboration here, but naturally I have a strong attachment to it. We endeavor to keep all the Constitutional Commandments, and have never been called in question. Well, hardly ever! The Historical Register, which is under the supervision of R. W. Bro. Bruce Flavin, is one thing of which we are justly proud. A perusal of this Register is worth while.

Before closing, permit me to record my indebtedness to the following brethren for the valuable assistance they gave me in the duties of my office: R. W. Bro. Archie West, W. Bro. John Blewitt, W. Bro. Alex Soutter, W. Bro. James Weir, W. Bro. Fred Whitfield, Bro. Trenholm Edwards, Bro. John Parker, all of Edmonton Lodge No. 7. Also R. W. Bro. Bruce Flavin, who placed his services and automobile at my disposal, and to all the brethren of my own lodge. To the Worshipful Masters, officers and members of the lodges in the district, all of whom received me most kindly on my visits I express my thanks. I greatly appreciate their confidence in recommending me for this high office.

In closing allow me, M. W. Sir, to express my appreciation of the honor you conferred in confirming my appointment, and also for the many kind words of encouragement you addressed to me throughout the year. I have endeavored to serve, and as I relinquish this high office with a richer and fuller experience, with a nobler outlook, and with an enhanced appreciation of the inherent goodness in man, that is my reward.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT COCKBURN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Innisfail, May 15, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith submit for your consideration, my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in District No. 4, for the year 1935-36

My first duty as D.D.G.M. was to send a letter to each of the lodges in the district, extending fraternal greetings to the officers and members, and expressing my regrets, that owing to vacation, I was unable to make any visits before the District Meeting was held. However, I particularly drew their attention to the importance of attending the District Meeting, stressing the fact that it was most important that the officers especially, should attend.

The District Meeting was held on Thursday, September 12th, 1935, in the Masonic Hall, Innisfail, and was opened according to the new form by the officers of Innisfail Lodge No. 8, at 2:15 p.m.

Owing to a change from the original date of meeting, unfavorable weather delayed farming operations so that many were unable to attend the afternoon session, but the town members availed themselves of the opportunity and I am pleased to say we had a good attendance during the afternoon and an especially good attendance for the evening when many of the farmer members came in.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson introduced and escorted to the East, the D.D.G.M. who was received in due form, and who, upon assuming the gavel, declared the Fourth Masonic District Meeting duly opened. The following representatives of Grand Lodge were present: M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, R. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, R. W. Bro. Jas. McGhee, R. W. Bro. W. J. Kirby, R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, and V. W. Bro. W. E. Addinell.

W. Bro. S. A. Fox, Mayor of the Town of Innisfail, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates, stating that as these delegates were comprised of the best men of the district, he felt quite free to give them the freedom of the city and felt they would not abuse the privilege as the entire police staff were also of the brotherhood.

The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and approved. The roll call showed that every lodge in the district was represented with Eureka No. 10, of Lacombe, having their entire staff of officers in attendance.

In the general discussion, attendance at lodge received prominence and many valuable suggestions were offered. The collection of dues showed some improvement and all lodges were continuing their efforts in this respect. Reports of the lodges were given by the representatives and all indicated that prospects were somewhat better.

Recess was called at 6 p.m. when the delegates adjourned to the banquet room where the members of the Eastern Star supervised the serving of a splendid supper.

When labor resumed, W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Red Deer, was elected as the next D.D.G.M. and Red Deer was selected as the next place of District Meeting.

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill presented to Eureka Lodge No. 10, Mackey's Encyclopaedia for having 100 per cent attendance of officers at the District Meeting. W. Bro. Thos. Jackson received them on behalf of the lodge, thanking M. W. Bro. Botterill for his compliments and said they would place the books in the library, thus adding to their valuable collection.

M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey gave a very inspiring address and offered many valuable suggestions for the advancement of Masonry throughout the district.

* R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland gave an interesting talk on the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, explaining in detail, so that the lodges would have no difficulty when circumstances arose requiring help from this fund.

I visited all the lodges in the district once, reports of same being on the Grand Lodge files.

I was accompanied upon every occasion by R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Secretary of the District, and I herewith tender him my thanks and appreciation of the services rendered, as his experience and knowledge of the work, are of great assistance in making out the reports. At every lodge, I was given a most cordial reception and the members all endeavored to make my visit a pleasant one.

In my addresses I stressed the importance of attendance at lodge, as with a good attendance at all meetings, many of the other difficulties would right themselves, dues would be more promptly paid, and the general work of the lodge would be improved.

All lodge rooms are pleasant. The members all work in harmony and a good spirit prevails. The membership shows a total decrease of 40, 10 of which are deaths, and 18 dimits.

I might mention an unusual occurrence, the initiation of a young man in Lochearn Lodge, No. 151, when both his father and grandfather were present, his father being a P.D.D.G.M. of this district, while his grandfather is one of the oldest Masons in the Dominion.

Before closing, I wish to thank the members of Masonic District No. 4, for electing me to this high office, and to assure them that my year of labor has been a profitable one to me Masonically, and I trust that they will have benefitted to some extent from my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. C. A. WATT,

D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Killam, May 5, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report of District No. 5, in which I served as your representative during the Masonic year just closed. During my tenure of office I have visited officially each lodge in this district as follows:

Camrose Lodge, No. 37	Sept. 12, 1935
Provost Lodge, No. 61	Sept. 19, 1935
Forestburg Lodge, No. 128	Sept. 25, 1935

Alliance Lodge, No. 135.....	Oct. 2, 1935
Efficiency Lodge, No. 141.....	Nov. 4, 1935
Morning Star Lodge, No. 79.....	Mar. 16, 1936
Coal Lodge, No. 62.....	Mar. 19, 1936
Tuscan Lodge, No. 43.....	Apr. 1, 1936
Comet Lodge, No. 50.....	Apr. 9, 1936
Melrose Lodge, No. 139	Joint
Excelsior Lodge, No. 80	(Meeting.... Apr. 14, 1936
Harmony Lodge, No. 75.....	May 4, 1936

On all my visits I was most cordially received, while the many courtesies offered and the hearty welcome extended by every brother will not soon be forgotten.

During the year 1935, one hundred and forty meetings were held throughout the district, one hundred and twenty-nine being regular, and eleven emergent. Twenty-four degrees were conferred. The lodge membership of the district now stands at four hundred and seventy-nine, nineteen having been suspended for N.P.D. and four being called to the Grand Lodge Above. Arrears of dues still continue to be a problem, although showing a decrease of \$527.45 or 14.8 per cent, mainly through suspension for N.P.D. as shown by a decrease in membership of approximately 5 per cent.

While none of the lodges in the district are following the course of Masonic Education as laid out by your Committee on Research and Education, in its entirety, it is the usual custom to have some Masonic address or paper presented at each meeting. The British Masonic Miscellany has been invaluable in this regard.

Our District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Killam, on October 24th, 1935. This meeting was well attended, every lodge in the district being represented. The meeting was opened by the officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, with W. Bro. R. Fox in the East. The Grand Officers having been received in due form, the meeting followed the program as suggested by the M. W. the Grand Master. The reports of the various lodges showed that while a majority were having financial difficulties every effort was being made to overcome this condition and that they were facing the future with optimism. During the period of refreshment dinner was served by the local Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and was very favorably commented on and enjoyed by all. On the resumption of labor the questions in the Question Box and others from the floor of the lodge were satisfactorily answered by M. W. Bro. Connacher, Custodian of the Work.

Your address, M. W. Sir, on "The Challenge of Freemasonry" was inspiring, well received, and enjoyed by all.

W. Bro. Jas. Hamilton of Excelsior Lodge, No. 80, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Strome was chosen as the meeting place for 1936.

The District Meeting was closed in peace and harmony at 10:15 p.m. by the officers of Excelsior Lodge No. 80, with W. Bro. G. Smith-Gander in the Chair. The new form of opening and closing of district meetings was, by the majority, favorably received.

One of the most enjoyable evenings during my term of office was the joint Installation of Officers of Camrose Lodge, No. 37, and Coal

Lodge, No. 62, at Camrose, on December 28th, when the officers of these lodges were installed and invested by yourself, M. W. Sir, assisted by R. W. Bro. West and other Edmonton brethren. The play "For the Honor of the Craft" was also enjoyed. The members of Tuscan Lodge, No. 43, have since put this play on in a number of lodges in this district.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 80, was unfortunate in the loss of a meeting place, also their regalia and furniture by fire on September 26th, 1935. This was covered by insurance and has since been replaced. They are at present meeting in Melrose Lodge hall at Daysland.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the brethren of District No. 5 for the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. I have endeavored to carry out the duties of this office in a fitting manner and trust that I have merited your confidence. I sincerely appreciate the courtesy and co-operation shown me on all my visits and am not unmindful of the brethren of Excelsior Lodge and Tuscan Lodge who accompanied me on my visits.

My heartfelt thanks is also extended to V. W. Bro. McCune and W. Bro. Hayward Smith who so ably assisted me in a secretarial capacity.

Fraternally submitted,
G. Y. BARNETT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Claresholm, April 27, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the annual report of District No. 6, in which I have had the pleasure of representing you.

My report will show an improvement over the previous years activities. While it is not great, yet I am sure that it is an indication we in District No. 6 are slowly but surely striving to get back to that condition we enjoyed in former years.

The Seventeenth Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Claresholm, on October 17th, 1935. The meeting was opened in the new form prescribed by Grand Lodge with the following in the chairs:

W.M.—W. Bro. O. Thompson, Cairo, No. 32; S.W.—W. Bro. H. L. Fyfe, Corinthian, No. 22; J.W.—W. Bro. A. Ostrum, Joppa, No. 40; Secretary—R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley, Cornerstone, No. 19; Chaplain—R. W. Bro. Canon Merrick, Cairo, No. 32; S.D.—W. Bro. D. A. Fraser, Cornerstone, No. 19; J.D.—W. Bro. W. Rooney, Nanton, No. 17; S.S.—W. Bro. D. L. Reynolds, Cairo, No. 32; J.S.—W. Bro. D. A. Mouser, Cairo, No. 32; I.G.—W. Bro. R. N. Ralph, Stavely, No. 33. It is of interest to add that this was the first time in history of

District No. 6 that the officers of the meeting were filled by the Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of the lodges of the district. All of the Masters of the district were present with one exception and he was out of the district at the time.

The following Grand Lodge Officers were present: M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Work; R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, D.G.M.; and V. W. Bro. T. W. Matthews, G.S. Together with the above there were eleven P.D.D.G. M.'s and eighteen Past Masters present. A most enjoyable and profitable meeting was experienced by all, as the discussions were both interesting and instructive. R. W. Bro. H. O. Haslam gave an address in the afternoon on the origin and meaning of the various signs used by Masons. After supper we received the gem of the day in an address given by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, which was followed by short addresses from the other Grand Officers present.

W. Bro. Millar of Joppa Lodge, No. 40, was elected as the next D.D.G.M. and the District Meeting for 1936 will be held at Granum.

It was an experience I will not soon forget in visiting the lodges of the district. In every case I received a most cordial welcome and had most enjoyable meetings. The following is a list of the dates of my official visits:

Stavely Lodge, No. 33.....	Nov. 5, 1935
Nanton Lodge, No. 17.	Nov. 14, 1935
Cairo Lodge, No. 32..	Nov. 19, 1935
Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19	Nov. 21, 1935
Corinthian Lodge, No. 22.	Dec. 3, 1935
Joppa Lodge, No. 40,.....	Dec. 12, 1935

While no lodge in the District is following any particular line of Masonic Education or Research, yet I feel that I can truthfully say that in every case each lodge is doing everything within its power to bring back those pleasant experiences of the past.

We have experienced trying times in recent years; but District No. 6 has come through them in very good financial condition. I find the six lodges with liquid assets (cash and bonds) to the amount of \$4,049.46, and the total assets over liabilities is \$24,115.85. These figures bear out my statements of a healthy financial condition.

The district has not been able to show as large a decrease in arrears of dues as I would have liked to report, yet I find that there is a decrease of thirty-three members in arrears and the amount owing is \$447.00 less than last year. Cairo Lodge was able to reduce their arrears from nearly \$1,000.00 to nothing at the present writing, although this report will show eight members still in arrear. I have stressed the importance of reducing arrears on my visits to the lodges in the district. In my opinion there are only two classes of members in arrear, those through necessity and those through lack of interest. We made it a policy in Cairo Lodge to remit all arrears except the current year (1935) which were also remitted in worthy cases. The policy in the future is to strictly follow the Constitution, that is a member must pay or show causes why he cannot pay. If found worthy the dues committee will recommend to the lodge to remit his dues, thereby keeping our ledger clear of arrears. I would like to recommend other lodges give this plan serious consideration.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the brethren of the district for their splendid support and co-operation during my term of office as the representative of the Grand Master. I especially desire to thank those who assisted me with their advice and personal service.

Finally I trust that as I reach the end of my term of office, the Masons of District No. 6 may have been able to gather at least a kernel of grain from the chaff of my efforts.

Fraternally submitted,
C. W. CARNEY,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Picture Butte, May 29, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District, for your consideration.

At the beginning, I wish to thank the brethren of this district who elected me to the office of D.D.G.M. for the high honor conferred upon me. The work has been strenuous, but I have enjoyed every minute of it and my greatest regret is that owing to illness I have not been able to render to my brethren the service I should have liked. However, the year has been a pleasant one in every respect and has proved of great inspiration to me and I do trust an advantage to the Craft. I have at all times endeavored to bring before the brethren an appreciation of the great importance of our time honored institution and the many happy benefits we are permitted to pursue.

During my term of office I have endeavored to visit the several lodges within the district as often as possible and at all times a most cordial welcome was extended to me and the brethren who accompanied me. I wish to particularly thank those brethren who spared no time or expense to be ready at all times to travel considerable distances and to accompany me on my visits. In all I made seventeen official visits and was accompanied by P.D.D.G.M.'s on nearly every trip, which indicates the great interest taken in Masonry in this district by its Past District Deputies.

There is a total membership in the district of 793, with a net loss during the year of 7. This I consider very commendable as nine of our members have passed on to the Grand Lodge Above and during these days of unsettled conditions I feel that we in the most southern part of this Grand Jurisdiction are maintaining the great heritage left us by those noble brethren who established Masonry in this area, of whom very few remain.

All the lodges in the district are in a very healthy financial condition. While the unpaid dues are quite heavy, more interest seems to

be taken and a greater effort is being made by the individual members to do their utmost to reduce these arrears.

My first official duty, in which I was very proud to participate, was attendance at the joint installation of Sharon Lodge, No. 157, and Diamond City Lodge, No. 65, held on June 24th at Coalhurst, when I was accompanied by R. W. Bros. Davidson, Douglas, James, Lackie and Fuller. At this meeting R. W. Bro. Fuller assisted in the installation of his son as Master of Diamond City Lodge, which gave much pleasure to the brethren.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Lethbridge on October 16th. While the attendance was not so large as we had hoped, every lodge in the district was represented and the benefits received from the meeting I consider of great value. These meetings are a great source of instruction and it is to be regretted that fuller advantage is not taken of them, as in many cases it is the only time that many of the brethren are permitted to meet the officers of Grand Lodge, to hear the discussions that arise and to receive the sound advice which is always sure to be given by the Grand Master and the other officers who accompany him. At this particular meeting we were most fortunate in having R. W. Bro. Ardell of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, address us on the Benevolence of Grand Lodges.

And, M. W. Sir, I wish to express my gratitude to you for the very excellent advice given us at this meeting, as well as to the other Grand Officers who accompanied you.

W. Bro. John Livingstone was chosen as District Deputy Grand Master and Lethbridge as the place of meeting for the year 1936.

NORTH STAR LODGE, No. 4

I visited this lodge on the night of February 11th, this being my second attempt to pay them my official visit, illness preventing me from attending on a previous date. While the weather was very severe and the attendance was small, I cannot express the good fellowship shown me. The business of the meeting was conducted very efficiently. A brother was examined as to his proficiency as a Master Mason, which was as nearly perfect as possible and speaks well for the high standard of the work of the officers.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

On November 12th I first officially visited this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bros. Davidson, Douglas, James and Fuller, and we were all given a hearty welcome by the officers and Past Masters headed by R. W. Bro. R. Anderson, whom we were very pleased to see in attendance after his serious illness. W. Bro. Rose, the Master, conducted the meeting very efficiently and conferred the Fellowcraft degree in an able manner. This lodge is fortunate in having their Past Masters take such an active interest in the work, which speaks well for their interest in Masonry and in Doric Lodge. This is the only lodge in

District No. 7 that entirely owns their lodge room, which is a great source of pleasure to them.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE, No. 39

I paid my official visit to this lodge on February 20th and was very heartily received by W. Bro. Redman and his officers. There was no degree work at this meeting, but the business was dispensed with very efficiently and many topics were discussed for the good of Masonry generally. Having attended this lodge on many occasions I know the high order of their work and the deep interest taken by its officers.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE, No. 65

I visited this lodge on October 3rd, when I again was accompanied by R. W. Bros. Davidson and Douglas and many others. As this is R. W. Bro. James' lodge, also R. W. Bros. Roger's and Fuller's, there was perhaps as large a number of R. W. Brethren present as would be possible in a small lodge. I was received most cordially by W. Bro. Fuller and his officers and while there has been no degree work during his term, his handling of the lodge is very efficient, and he is perhaps the youngest Master in the whole jurisdiction. His knowledge of Masonry and the welfare of the brethren at all times is his greatest consideration. It would be remiss for me not to mention the splendid Masonic spirit which prevails in this lodge, which is situated in an abandoned mining centre.

CHARITY LODGE No. 67

On February 11th I paid my official visit to this lodge, again accompanied by many Past District Deputies and was given a warm welcome. Charity Lodge is in the hands of very capable officers. There being no degree work at this meeting the evening was given over to many discussions for the good of Masonry as a whole. Having visited this lodge several times during the past years I feel they are doing a good work.

VERDIGRIS LODGE, No. 100

My first official visit was made to this lodge on September 26th, accompanied by thirty brethren from Lethbridge. I was also pleased to have the company of R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts, D.D.G.M. of District No. 8, together with M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., and many other brethren from Cardston. We were very cordially received by W. Bro. Hulme and his capable officers. At this meeting the third degree was conferred in an able manner. This lodge is in a unique position as being situated very close to the International Boundary they enjoy many visits from brethren across the line. Scarcely a meeting is held but that the sister jurisdiction of Montana is represented, which speaks well for the spirit of Masonry.

I again visited Verdigris Lodge on May 28th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Sang and R. W. Bro. Fuller, and I am happy to report that the lodge is working smoothly and I have every hope for its continued success.

FOREMOST LODGE, No. 103

I officially visited Foremost Lodge on August 7th, accompanied by twenty loyal brethren from Lethbridge. We were very pleasantly received by W. Bro. Wilson, who at this meeting conferred the third degree very efficiently. This meeting was a happy one for me in

many ways as this was at one time my home lodge, having had the honor of being the second Worshipful Master of it in its early days. A very pleasing ceremony was the presentation of Past Master's Jewels to all Past Masters since the institution of the lodge, eleven of whom were present, the presentation being made by R. W. Bro. Brownlee, whom it had been my pleasure to instruct in Masonry when he was received in the lodge, being its second candidate.

YORK LODGE, No. 119

To this lodge I paid my official visit on March 3rd, when I was again accompanied by many distinguished brethren. At this meeting the first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Niven and his capable staff of officers, the ceremony being very beautifully rendered. Great credit is due the Master for his work and I can see nothing but success for this lodge under his capable management.

SHARON LODGE, No. 157

This being my own lodge I have tried to be present at every meeting and have paid it two official visits, when I was pleasantly received by W. Bro. Graham. Sharon is having a hard struggle with the collection of dues. Not that the members are negligent, but many of them are simply unable to pay. However, with an improvement in crop conditions I have every hope that they will successfully overcome their difficulties.

LUCERNE LODGE, No. 159

I have paid this, the youngest lodge in the district, three official visits and expect to again visit them before my term of office expires. Being situated at rather a distance from any other lodge in the district, they do not seem to have the opportunity for many fraternal visits and certain conditions have arisen in their lodge to affect the harmony of the members, due I think to a large extent to unfamiliarity with the Constitution. Unfortunately also their Master, W. Bro. Larsen, has been ill during a large portion of the year.

One of my first duties, M. W. Sir, was to endeavor to straighten out the affairs of this lodge which had resulted in the newly elected Master not being installed. However, a new election is being held under your dispensation and I am very hopeful that I will be able to report that the lodge is functioning satisfactorily again before my term expires.

On December 27th I had the very great honor of installing the officers of the four city lodges, North Star No. 4, Lethbridge No. 39, Charity No. 67, and York No. 119, at which I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts of District No. 8, who with the brethren of Chief Mountain Lodge, Cardston, were guests of the four Lethbridge lodges, and participated in the joint installation. On this occasion I wish to express my sincere thanks for the assistance given me by the Past District Deputies, who filled all the offices, and also for the assistance of M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., at this ceremony.

M. W. Sir, to you I am indebted for your patience and instructions given me and for the constructive program laid down by you for your deputies' guidance. I well know that I have fallen short in many ways, but in every case I have tried to practise and exercise the wise counsel given.

And to the brethren of District No. 7 who have received me so loyally, I wish to thank you one and all for the many burdens you have lifted from my shoulders and especially the Past D.D.G.M.'s for the wise counsel I have been at all times able to obtain.

Acting under the command of the Grand Master, suitable Lodges of Mourning were held throughout the District, which were attended by many brethren to pay their respects to the memory of our late Beloved King. Records of such meetings have been properly recorded in the minutes of all lodges within the district.

Space would not permit me to mention the individual brethren who have made the past year a pleasant one, but I shall never forget the happy memories I have of it. To those of whom I may not have met with approval, I beg them to overlook my shortcomings as my greatest desire has been to serve you one and all faithfully.

I would ask for my successor your continued and loyal support.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH J. WATSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Cardston, May 18th, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to herewith submit my report for the Eighth Masonic District covering my year of activity.

During my year of office I have visited all lodges in the district, some once, some twice and others three and four times. Always it has been a pleasure and always one was received with a sincere welcome. Travelling conditions have not been of the best this last winter and the attendance has suffered, not only at the meetings at which I have been present, but for all meetings and thus the average for the year is lower than formerly. One is tempted to ask if the weather conditions are alone responsible or has interest in meetings in general been lost through boredom.

When I try to answer the question "What is the condition of Masonry in District No. 8?" I am at a loss to know what yard-stick to use whereby the measure shall be taken. I do not believe it is good policy to report, "All well," without being sure that is the true condition. I firmly believe Masonry in District No. 8 is holding its own, but the stress of the times is severe, and there are weaknesses to be carefully watched.

Financially there is little improvement to report; the number of members in arrears has been reduced but the amount of arrears has increased. Masonic charity in the district is nobly maintained and Liabilities are slightly reduced. The total membership has not varied, being practically stationary over a period of several years.

Does the individual lodge wield a vital guiding force in its own community? Does it do so even on its own membership? The members must answer for their own lodges, but one must admit the observer is not so impressed that he can answer in the affirmative. Perhaps the present apparent lassitude is only of a temporary nature, but unless checked it may well develop into dry-rot. All honor to the little band in each lodge who strive with all their strength to keep things going. Enough of pessimism. I know there is a much pleasanter side.

I had the pleasure of attending the Joint Installation of Spitzie and Chinook Lodges at Pincher Creek on June the 24th and assisting R. W. Bro. Geering in his duty as Installing officer. M. W. Bro. Cruickshank invested V. W. Bro. Harper as Grand Organist.

I again visited Spitzie on July 29, on the occasion of their 45th anniversary when some 100 brethren were present and their first Master W. Bro. John Herron was in the chair with their first applicant M. W. Bro. Kemmis as Senior Warden. Truly we are ageing. Alberta No. 3 at Macleod will celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 27th.

I also spent a pleasant evening with Chinook Lodge at Cowley in September on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. Their first Master presided and I had the pleasure of a visit with R. W. Bro. Watson of District No. 7 on the occasion of his visit to Verdigris Lodge. Eight of the brethren of Chief Mountain Lodge accompanied me and we greatly enjoyed a talk by a brother from the Antipodes, New South Wales, Australia.

On December the 27th it was my privilege to assist R. W. Bro. Watson as Installing officer at the Joint Installation of the four Lethbridge Lodges and Chief Mountain Lodge for which I tender him my thanks.

The District Meeting was held at St. Paul's School, Blood Reserve, on October 15th. All lodges but one were well represented, and with us were the Grand Master and M. W. Bros. Kemmis, Connacher, Patterson, Cruickshank, and Middleton. The new form for opening and closing district meetings was used for the first time. Our thanks are due to M. W. Bro. Middleton for his kind invitation to hold this meeting at the school and also to him and his staff for the very enjoyable experience given us, in being able to hold our banquet in such ideal surroundings. We extend our deepest appreciation not alone to those in charge but also to the girl students who performed so efficiently as waitresses. Their capabilities were a revelation to most of us, and I am sure the brethren will look back for years to come to the scene presented and recall the event with pleasure.

In relinquishing the reigns of office I do so with regret at so little accomplished. I can only tender to the brethren my sincere thanks for the honor they conferred in allowing me to serve. I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,

W. BETTS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Castor, May 12, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report on the Condition of Masonry for Masonic District No. 9 as I have found it during my tenure of office.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of District No. 9 was held in the Masonic Temple, Castor, on Wednesday, 23rd October, 1935. The meeting was opened by W. Bro. T. Lane and the officers of Beaver Lodge No. 56, after which I was received and presented with the gavel. We were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Connacher and other Grand Lodge Officers. They were received with Grand Honors by the brethren and invited to the East. There was a large attendance, and I am pleased to note that each lodge in the district was well represented.

The afternoon session consisted of a discussion of the constructive program formulated by the M. W. the Grand Master, and I can assure you that the brethren took a very active part in discussing their various problems, all of which was beneficial and educational and to the betterment of Masonry. The meeting was called from labor to refreshment at 6 p.m. and again resumed duties at 8:30, when the Question Box was opened and the various questions answered by the Custodians of the Work. The M. W. the Grand Master then favored us with a very inspiring and impressive address on "The Challenge to Freemasonry." W. Bro. Scott, of Big Valley, No. 140, was chosen as District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year, and Big Valley was selected as the place of meeting for 1936.

The following are reports in brief of my various official visits.

APOLLO, No. 27

I visited Apollo Lodge, No. 27, on the 4th May, 1936, and I was received with customary honors. The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Connolly in a very excellent manner. There was a good attendance and the books and records are in very capable hands. The lodge own their lodge room with little indebtedness, which is very commendable to the Craft and a credit to any district.

IONIC, No. 45

I visited this lodge on the 10th October, 1935, accompanied by a few of the brethren from Beaver Lodge, No. 56. There was no degree work, but from the way in which W. Bro. A. E. Hollings handled the business I have no doubt as to his ability to exemplify the degrees. The lodge is keenly interested in Masonic education, and lectures are given periodically by some of the members. Bro. Kent delivered a very impressive lecture on "Hiram's Legend." The finances and records of this lodge are in very capable hands. I want to express my sincere regrets to the brethren for the loss of their S. W., Bro. A. Anderson, who has passed to the Great Beyond.

BEAVER, No. 56

This is my home lodge, and although I have attended quite regularly, I made my official visit on the 10th November, 1935. There was no degree work, but in spite of the inclemency of the weather the attendance was good and the business was conducted very satisfactorily. This lodge own their lodge building, have elaborate furniture, and no liabilities. The lodge is very prosperous financially as well as Masonically. The books and records are well kept.

CORONATION, No. 72

Accompanied by several brethren from Beaver Lodge, No. 56, I visited Coronation Lodge, No. 72, on the 12th October, 1935. After being received with the customary honors I returned the gavel to W. Bro. Lutz, who conducted the business of the meeting very efficiently. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The books and records are in good shape.

MONITOR, No. 120

On the 17th October, 1935, I visited Monitor Lodge, No. 120, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ruttan of Coronation Lodge, No. 72. Needless to say I received a hearty welcome, and the atmosphere of hospitality was evident from the time I entered the lodge room. There was no degree work, but W. Bro. Topham conducted the business of lodge very efficiently. The lodge own their property, free from debt and finances and records are in good shape.

RISING SUN, No. 122

I made my official visit to this lodge on the 11th October, 1935 accompanied by W. Bros. Harman and Rutherford, of Beaver Lodge, No. 56. Owing to the absence of W. Bro. Cockroft, W. Bro. Drinnan conducted the meeting in a very efficient manner. There was no degree work, but after the regular business was attended to Bro. Baines delivered a very inspiring address on "The Perfect Ashlar." Rising Sun is one of the lodges owning their own building, which is a credit to this district. Although the burden appears to be a little heavy at present I think that with the return of normal times together with the true Masonic spirit of the brethren there is little doubt but that they will overcome their difficulties. There was a fair attendance, with several visitors being present.

BIG VALLEY, No. 140

On the 1st October, 1935, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Moore and Bro. Lackey of Beaver Lodge, No. 56. The work consisted of routine and business, both of which were handled very efficiently by W. Bro. Gibson. The books are in the capable hands of W. Bro. Dewar and are entirely satisfactory. Since this lodge has had little work the members are taking a deep interest in Masonic Education, and lectures are given at various intervals to break the monotony. A warm reception is given to visitors by this lodge.

DONALDA, No. 150

My official visit to Donalda Lodge was made on the 23rd October, 1935, accompanied by W. Bro. R. Taylor, of Coronation Lodge, No. 72,

and W. Bro. Colley, of Beaver Lodge, No. 56. R. W. Bro. W. E. Porter exemplified the third degree on his son in a very efficient manner. This is the youngest lodge in the district. The officers and members are active, the books are in splendid shape, and their finances are good.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

I have visited all the lodges in my District, and I have found the condition of Masonry good and an excellent Masonic spirit prevailing. Throughout the year very few applications for membership were received; but most of the lodges have devoted their time to Masonic Education and Research. In this connection lectures and addresses have been delivered, which apparently create a greater interest and stimulate attendance. May I suggest here, M. W. Sir, that the literature and lectures prepared by your Educational Committee be more modern. We are living in the Present, endeavoring to forget the Past, and building more enduring Temples for the Future.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without paying my tribute to the Secretaries of the various lodges, who have attended to their work conscientiously and efficiently. This is largely responsible for the good financial standing of our lodges, half of the lodges owning their own premises, while the other half rent, with plenty of Assets over Liabilities. The lodges are very enthusiastic, and a fine spirit of brotherhood prevails. During my visits I have observed that there are considerable inter-fraternal visits in the district, which indicates that we are not neglecting the social side of Masonry.

CONCLUSION

M. W. Sir, may I say that I have been pleased to serve you, and I am grateful for the deep sense of appreciation and confidence shown by the members of District No. 9 in electing me to this high and responsible office. I am deeply sensible of the importance of the duties attached to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and I cannot help feeling that my accomplishments were short of my desires. However, I hope you have found me trustworthy, and that I have proved satisfactory.

I wish to thank the brethren for the cordial reception I have received at their hands, and the many who have assisted me in this great and good work.

Fraternally submitted,
H. S. MACARTNEY,
D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 13, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report of the activities of the lodges in the Tenth Masonic District during the year 1935-36.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in my district at least once and some of them several times during my term of office and it is gratifying to report that peace and harmony prevails and that each lodge is quite active.

My official visits were as follows:

Victoria Lodge, No. 13, Fort Saskatchewan, Sept. 10, 1935.
Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, Innisfree, Sept. 16, 1935.
St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145, St. Paul, Sept. 25, 1935.
Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, Waskatenau, Oct. 2nd, 1935.
St. John's Lodge, No. 25, Vegreville, Oct. 7, 1935.
Dominion Lodge, No. 117, Edmonton, Oct. 9, 1935.
Hope Lodge No. 38, Manville, Nov. 4, 1935.
Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, Vermilion, Nov. 5, 1935.
Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, Kitscoty, Nov. 6, 1935.
Norwood Lodge, No. 90, Edmonton, Nov. 12, 1935.
Empire Lodge, No. 63, Edmonton, Nov. 18, 1935.
Acacia Lodge, No. 11, Edmonton, Dec. 12, 1935.
Lamont Lodge. No. 94, Lamont, April 12th, 1936.

Financially the lodges of the district, in view of the general stress which is being experienced by all, due to hail and frost, with one or two exceptions are in very good shape, some of the lodges being in the fortunate position of having a considerable cash balance on hand.

I feel I am correct in reporting some progress having been made in matters Masonic in this district during the year. There is a slight improvement in the arrears of dues, some of the lodges having reduced their arrears considerably, while others are slightly higher. However, I am pleased to say the total is down \$850.86 as compared with last year. The number of members in arrear has been reduced by sixty-nine. I have emphasized the importance of collection of dues on all occasions.

The records are generally well and faithfully kept, though the Historical Register with some exceptions falls short of fulfilling the purpose for which it was intended. This is mainly due to the Registrar not knowing just what it should contain. I have tried to impress upon the brethren the importance of including in the register not only the Masonic History of the lodge, but also the general description of the history and progress of the community in which the lodge is situated. This if properly done should be of permanent value to the Craft and I have received the promise that their registers will be brought up to date.

The Annual District Meeting of District No. 10 was held jointly with Districts 3 and 12 in the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton on the 21st of September, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by R. W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins, who received the three D.D.G.M.'s, R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn of District No. 3, R. W. Bro. T. Govenlock of District 12, and R. W. Bro. R. MacQuarrie of District No. 10, who were introduced by R. W. Bro. P. Long, P.D.D.G.M. of District No.10 and W. Bro. W. Howe.

At the request of R. W. Bro. Cockburn and R. W. Bro. Govenlock, I then assumed the chair and received M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with past and present

Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. A. West, Junior Grand Warden and R. W. Bro. G. B. McLeod, Grand Registrar to retire and introduce M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Grand Lodge honors were accorded to all the above when they were introduced.

The attendance from District No. 10 was very small as the country members find it difficult to attend on Saturday.

W. Bro. D. J. Dickson, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110, Innisfree, was the unanimous choice of the members present for D.D.G.M. in District No. 10 for the year 1936-37.

The meeting was closed at 5:35 p.m. and after dinner M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris gave a splendid address on the beginning of Freemasonry in the Dominion of Canada which was very much appreciated by all the members present.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the members of the district my appreciation of the honor which they have conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and I thank the brethren for the many expressions of kindness and courtesy they extended to me. My sincere wish is that they have received as much benefit from my visits as I have, which have been to me pleasant and very profitable. I wish to thank V. W. Bro. Wilfred Horricks who acted as Secretary for the District and whose assistance was greatly appreciated, also R. W. Bro. D. D. Penman, W. Bro. C. Haslop and Bro. W. White and others who so kindly accompanied and assisted me on my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

R. MACQUARRIE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Champion, May 30, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District for the year 1935-36.

It has been a pleasure to visit the lodges of this district several times during my year of office, and it is very gratifying to report that harmony prevails and that each lodge is active to a satisfactory degree.

In most instances the books and records are well and carefully kept, although in some cases the annual balance sheet is omitted, while the Historical Register has been neglected, also some By-laws, but I have the assurance that this will be overcome.

My official visits were as follows:

Robert Burns, No. 49, June 24th, 1935
Vulcan, No. 74, October 1st, 1935
Champion, No. 84, March 12th, 1936
Pyramid, No. 108, May 21st, 1936

Nobleford, No. 111, May 28th, 1936 (Records checked).
 Granite, No. 127, May 29th, 1936 (Records checked).
 Cresset, No. 136, May 27th, 1936 (Records checked).

I am scheduled to pay a second visit to Nobleford on June 2nd and to Granite on June 3rd.

FINANCES

The financial position of the lodges of the district exceeded my expectations, in view of the general conditions of depression and successive crop failures. The summary is as follows:

Assets	\$13,751.17
Liabilities	2,169.60
Assets over Liabilities	\$11,581.57
Assets over Liabilities for 1934	\$12,274.03
Decrease of	692.46

I regret to report that arrears of dues show the greatest cause for worry in District No. 11. On December 31st, 1935, there were: 185 brethren in arrear to the amount of \$4,108.90; while on December 31st, 1934, there were 178 brethren in arrear to the amount of \$4,086.70, showing an increase in the amount of \$24.20. This shows an improvement over the preceding year's balance and is gratifying, having regard to the conditions under which the brethren are laboring.

At December 31st, 1935, the total membership was 334, while on December 31st, 1934, the membership was 339.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

On June 24th, 1935, I was honored with a request to install the officers of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49. Accompanied by R. W. Bro. G. Orr, I approached my first task as D.D.G.M. with some diffidence, but assisted by that eloquent and highly trained brother, my predecessor, R. W. Bro. F. J. Whitmarsh, my diffidence left me and I proceeded with the installation to the end.

On December 27th, 1935, I had the honor to install the officers of Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, Champion Lodge, No. 84 and Nobleford, No. 111, at Champion, when I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. G. Orr of Champion Lodge.

On Sunday, February 2nd, 1936, with my brethren I attended a Lodge of Mourning in Champion Lodge, No. 84, to pay homage to our deceased Royal Sovereign and Protector, King George V. "The King is dead—Long live the King."

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 11 was held in Champion on the afternoon and evening of October 18, 1935, with a good attendance. We were honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Work. The D.D.G.M. was received in due form and assumed the gavel, after which the Grand Officers were received with Grand Honors by the brethren of the district.

The Masters of the various lodges in the district gave detailed reports of the condition of Masonry in their immediate jurisdiction.

W. Bro. G. McQueen of Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1936-37, and Vulcan was selected as the place for the next District Meeting.

A pleasing incident occurred just before the meeting commenced, when accompanied by the M. W. the Grand Master we called at the home of Bro. J. T. Stephenson, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, an old acquaintance of M. W. Bro. Downey's, and induced him to attend the meeting, to the enjoyment of all concerned.

I must express my appreciation of the quality of the records left for my perusal by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. Whitmarsh, and also wish to express my very deep appreciation for the assistance and co-operation of the Secretaries and Masters of the several lodges in the district.

APPRECIATION

Concluding, M. W. Sir, may I say that I have been happy to serve you in the capacity of D.D.G.M. of District No. 11. Though my health has retarded my activities and the vicissitudes of the seasons were severe, yet the kindly reception of the brethren at the meetings attended has repaid me beyond my ability to express.

To the brethren of District No. 11 I extend grateful thanks for your kindness and the cordial welcome given, and would bespeak for my successor, W. Bro. G. McQueen the same treatment.

Fraternally submitted,

J. SHERMAN COLLINS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Whitecourt, May 15, 1935.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit, herewith, for your consideration, my report as your District Deputy Grand Master, of District 12, on the condition of Masonry in the district.

This district, one of the largest, is composed of thirteen lodges, six of which are in Edmonton and seven at various country points,

Jasper.....	No. 14.....	Edmonton
Tawatinaw.....	No. 71.....	Athabasca
Strathecona.....	No. 77.....	Edmonton
Patricia.....	No. 91.....	Edmonton
Saskatchewan.....	No. 92.....	Edmonton
West Edmonton.....	No. 101.....	Edmonton
Pembina.....	No. 126.....	Sangudo
Onoway.....	No. 138.....	Onoway
Ivanhoe.....	No. 142.....	Edmonton

Mayerthorpe No. 148 Mayerthorpe
 Whitecourt No. 153 Whitecourt
 Earl Haig No. 155 Barrhead

I have visited each lodge, officially, at least once and on every visit I have been received with the greatest of courtesy and cordiality. I will not easily forget the many welcomes extended to me by the brethren of the various lodges and their desire to co-operate on every occasion.

The weather and roads were a factor in lessening the number of visits that I otherwise would have paid the lodges of the district. In 1935 almost every planned visit was made with the greatest difficulty owing to the muddy condition of the roads.

The Annual District Meeting was held in conjunction with Districts 3 and 10, in the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton on the 21st of September. R. W. Bro. MacQuarrie presided at the afternoon session which was opened and closed under the new ceremony for District Meetings. We were honored by an official visit from the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary and other distinguished Grand Lodge Officers. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour of Patricia Lodge No. 91 was elected as the next District Deputy Grand Master. In the evening after a banquet at which M. W. Bro. Downey presided and acted as toastmaster, we heard a much appreciated and instructive address from M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, a P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. M. W. Bro. Harris is the author of many Masonic plays and a Masonic historian of note. R. W. Bro. Ireland, M. W. Bro. Kemmis and others also spoke on Masonic matters.

During the early part of the year the death occurred of His Majesty, King George the Fifth, and all lodges, under instruction from the M. W. the Grand Master, held Lodges of Mourning. On Sunday, February 2nd, I was present at such a lodge, with the D.D.G.M.'s of Districts No. 3 and No. 10, at which the M. W. the Grand Master presided, and was attended by the lodges of the City of Edmonton jointly. This lodge was held in the Central Masonic Temple in Edmonton.

As separate reports are being made on each lodge within the district I will report on the conditions generally as I saw them throughout the district.

The work in the lodges is, in most cases, of a very high order. There are a few places where a more careful study of the ritual is recommended. I found that the books were well and carefully kept and in hardly any case did I find it necessary to make suggestions for their improvement.

After a careful study of the various lodges and their activities I would say that harmony prevails throughout the district and that even though conditions, over which the lodges have no control, have hampered their work—they are keeping the spirit of Masonry in strong hands ready to go forward again, when the proper time arrives.

In the visits made I have had the support and advice of the following brethren: R. W. Bros. F. W. Burton, H. B. Fowler, Sandilands and Steele, and W. Bros. W. Hilton and M. A. McIntyre, besides many others. R. W. Bro. Burton especially has been of particular

help and has visited almost all of the lodges with me. I am very deeply indebted to him and the many others who so generously and loyally helped me in this last year.

For the honor the brethren of the district conferred upon me I thank them and for their many kindnesses and courtesies extended whenever I have met them. My greatest regret is, that it was not possible to see more of them and to be able to show my appreciation more fully for their so honoring me.

I trust that this report meets with your approval, Most Worshipful Sir.

Fraternally submitted,
THOS. G. GOVENLOCK,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Spirit River, May 13, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the Thirteenth Masonic District, for the past year 1935-36.

During my term of office I officially visited all lodges in the district except one and on all occasions I received a warm and sincere welcome.

Owing to weather conditions prevailing last year, I found it impossible to visit Lake Saskatoon Lodge. R. W. Bro. Grant substituted for me, to whom I am very much indebted.

On my official visit to High Prairie, I wish to express my appreciation to V. W. Bro. Tompkins who took ten hours to travel twenty miles to attend the meeting, ten miles had to be travelled by canoe. A really enthusiastic Mason.

During my visits I found Masonry in a very healthy condition in District 13, and I think there has been an improvement in recent years. The Officers and Secretaries all seem to be able to cope with the depressing times we are passing through. Lack of degree work is a hindrance, but most lodges are taking up Masonic Education in the form of Masonic Plays, which helps to hold the interest of its members.

ARREARS OF DUES

This seems to be a big problem, but each lodge has been able to handle their individual cases in a very efficient manner. I am pleased to report two lodges with no arrears, namely, Hythe and Sexsmith—a good example for the rest of the district to follow.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Sexsmith on August 13th and the attendance was fair. Owing to weather conditions, the roads were

impassable from the northern part of the district, and some lodges were unable to attend. The unavoidable absence of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary from this meeting was felt by all the attending brethren of this district, as we of the North generally look forward to a visit of these Grand Officers in person, which stimulates the tone of the meeting.

I was very ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Grant of Lake Saskatoon Lodge, Deputy Custodian of the Work, and R. W. Bro. Patterson, P.D.D.G.M.

There were some very lively discussions in which all members took part. Educational work was thoroughly discussed, and all brethren agreed that the Programme of Education and Research when studied would be of great assistance to all lodges in the district.

Some very interesting papers were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was unanimously agreed that the next District Meeting would be held at Hythe. Nominations for the D.D.G.M. for 1936-37 were called and two brethren's names were submitted, one withdrawing in favor of W. Bro. A. F. Clark of Hythe Lodge, who was elected.

I sincerely regret that I was unable to give more time to the M. W. the Grand Master on his visit to the North, but he understands the reason of which I will not detail here.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren of the district my appreciation of the honor they have conferred upon me and express my gratitude for the kindness extended to me at all times, and I trust that my humble efforts may justify the confidence they reposed in me.

Fraternally submitted,

J. K. SMITH,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Youngstown, May 30, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 14, as I found it during the past year as District Deputy.

Conditions in this particular part of the Province make it very hard to carry on, especially from Hanna east to Oyen, as we have not had a crop for about eight years. However, in spite of these difficulties every lodge in this district is still functioning and the members who are left are filled with enthusiasm and are hoping for better times so that their lodges may again flourish. I have found that intervisitation by lodges is of the greatest assistance to them, enabling the lodges to help one another in their difficulties, and I am glad to say that this is quite prevalent in the district.

I had the pleasure of visiting each lodge once officially, with the exception of Hand Hill Lodge, No. 98, at Delia, which I attempted to visit on three different occasions, but owing to circumstances beyond our control it was found impossible. Winter weather having set in so early and continuing so long rather handicapped me in my visitations.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Youngstown on Tuesday, October 22, 1935, commencing at 2:00 p.m. with the officers of Acadia Lodge in the chairs. M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Custodian of the Work, and a number of Past District Deputy Grand Masters were present, and a very good attendance from every lodge in the district made the meeting a success. During the afternoon session the General Discussion and Masters' Reports of general lodge conditions were very interesting and instructive.

At the evening session the election for D.D.G.M. for the next year resulted in W. Bro. W. J. Winning of Berry Creek Lodge being chosen and Hanna was selected as the place for the 1936 meeting. The M. W. the Grand Master then gave us a splendid address, which was listened to with interest, as also were the talks given by the Grand Secretary and by M. W. Bro. Connacher.

I want to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to W. Bro. N. Steckle of Acadia Lodge for his assistance as District Secretary and I wish also to thank the officers and members of all the lodges in District No. 14 for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this office and for the kindly welcome which I received at all the meetings I attended. I shall always remember my term of office and I want to thank all the brethren who accompanied me on my visits. I also wish to express my thanks to yourself, M. W. Sir, and to the R. W. Grand Secretary for the assistance given me.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Berry Creek Lodge, No. 155.—I visited this lodge on August 28th and had a most pleasant evening. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, the attendance was very good and we had an enjoyable social hour after the business was over. This lodge is forging ahead in spite of poor conditions and I look for a good future in Masonry in Berry Creek.

Hanna Lodge, No. 78.—I officially visited on October 2nd, 1935. This lodge is well officered and much interest is being taken in the work. They are very fortunate in having W. Bro. Bond in their midst. This brother gives a lot of his time and energy in furthering Masonry in all its phases. I visited Hanna again when they had a Past Masters' Night, which proved to be a very great success. W. Bro. Bond gave as a subject for discussion at this meeting "Significant Facts on Present Day Freemasonry," which was well taken and a valuable discussion followed. I look for the attendance at Hanna Lodge to greatly increase.

Oyen Lodge, No. 104.—I had an enjoyable visit at Oyen Lodge on October 4th, 1935. The attendance was fair and the first degree was exemplified very creditably. This lodge like some others in the district is suffering from a lack of members, caused by brethren moving away. However, they have good officers and will weather the storm satisfactorily if conditions improve at all.

Acacia Lodge, No. 82.—My own lodge; I visited on December 3rd, 1935. This lodge also has quite a time keeping the "flag flying". We are fortunate in having quite a number of Past Masters who maintain their interest in the lodge, but our resident members are few and we cannot look for much improvement until conditions change and we get some new members. The financial condition of the lodge is considerably better than a year ago and we have good officers, so we are looking to the future with confidence.

Crocus Lodge No. 115.—I visited on December 11th, 1935, when there was a good attendance. Bro. Steele received his second degree and the work of all the officers was satisfactory. Crocus Lodge has enthusiastic officers and members and when times improve this lodge will make a good account of itself.

Craigmyle Lodge, No. 132.—My visit to this lodge was on May 5th, 1936, when we had a fairly good attendance and a most enjoyable meeting. The lodge is improving over last year and the members seem very enthusiastic. Conditions were somewhat better in this community last year and I look to see Masonry progressing here in the near future.

Hand Hill Lodge, No. 98.—Unfortunately I was unable to visit this lodge, but it is in good financial shape and knowing some of the officers to be capable the lodge will be well looked after. I hope to visit them yet, after my term of office has expired.

In closing, I wish to state that my visits to the lodges in District No. 14 have been very pleasant and with better times I am sure that Masonry will again flourish.

Faternally submitted,

DAVID DISHAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Three Hills, April 8, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the Fifteenth Masonic District for your consideration.

I have visited every lodge in this district officially, and on other occasions I have visited them socially. Without exception I have found a strong fraternal spirit prevailing in every lodge in the district, and on every occasion when degrees were conferred the excellent and high standard of the work was gratifying.

The membership does not show a large gain over the past year. My observations have been that the new members are of the type and high standard that will add strength to our Order. On every official visit I stressed the necessity of having all arrears of dues collected.

The financial situation shows a slight improvement over last year and I was pleased with the accurate work of the several secretaries and the careful recording of the minutes.

On assuming the office of District Deputy, you, M. W. Sir, recommended to me the desirability of the lodges meeting on or before the full moon having their meetings changed to a set date of the calendar month and I made recommendations to those lodges accordingly.

On receiving the copies of the report forms from the Grand Lodge office they were studied very carefully by me and after each visitation to a lodge I carefully compiled my report and forwarded copies to our Grand Secretary.

On my official visits to the lodges in this district to further the study of Masonic Research and Education I gave the following addresses: "Our Ancient and Honorable Institution" and "Foundation Stones of Masonry."

M. W. Sir, I have found on my visits to the lodges in District No. 15 that there is no standard form of Balance Sheet, and I take this opportunity to recommend that Grand Lodge adopt such a form for use by all lodges.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Acme, on September 17th, 1935. The meeting was opened by the officers of Acme Lodge, No. 60. There was not a very large attendance owing to the day being favorable for harvest work. Constructive criticism proved of great value and was very much appreciated by all present. The following questions were fully discussed by the brethren, namely, Charity, Education, Dues, Visitations, the betterment of Masonry generally.

At six o'clock p.m. lodge was called from labor to refreshment, when a sumptuous banquet was served by the ladies of the O.E.S. of Acme. At the evening session two of our P.D.D.G.M.'s namely, R. W. Bros. Harry Ford and William Harte, were presented with P.D.D.G.M. Regalia by the M. W. the Grand Master, as a token of esteem from the district for the able manner in which they filled the office of District Deputy during their term of office.

The election for District Deputy for 1936-37 was then proceeded with and W. Bro. James Campbell Smith was elected.

The M. W. the Grand Master gave us a most instructive and forcible address, "Challenge to Freemasonry." Other Grand Lodge officers were present and gave short addresses.

I desire to thank R. W. Bro. Harte, who has acted as Secretary at our District Meeting and throughout the year, for the efficient and able manner in which he has executed his duties. His untiring efforts have made my year as District Deputy successful and pleasant.

VISITS

On August 8th, I officially visited Cavell Lodge, No. 125, when the Master, W. Bro. F. H. Lloyd, exhibited keen interest in the work. There was not a very large attendance, but a true Masonic spirit at heart. I inspected the lodge books and found them well kept and

up to date. Several of the members from Cyprus accompanied me on this visit.

On August 12th, I officially visited Fidelity, No. 76, at Bashaw, accompanied by some members of Cyprus Lodge. Fidelity Lodge is to be congratulated on the fine home that they possess. W. Bro. J. R. Hume and his Wardens show keen interest in their work. On examining the books I found their records neatly and accurately kept.

On September 12th I officially visited Acme Lodge, No. 60. W. Bro. E. M. Brown and his Wardens are to be congratulated on the able way that they conduct the business of the lodge. Several of the brethren from Cyprus accompanied me on this occasion. No degree work was exemplified. I found the books and records written up to date with the exception of the Historical Register. However, R. W. Bro. Grainger is to be congratulated on his interesting account of Acme Lodge and it is hoped he will continue it.

October 2nd I made my official visit to Ancient Landmark, No. 109. Mirror, accompanied by three members of Cyprus Lodge. There was no degree work and the attendance was small as owing to the fact that this lodge is located in a Railroad town and it being the busy season of the year a considerable number of the brethren were out on the road. Upon examining the records I found them well kept, and all up to date. This lodge does not own its home; but have a very nice meeting place.

October 15th I paid my official visit to Irricana Lodge, No. 137. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. E. McFee and R. W. Bro. Wm. Harte and several brethren of Cyprus Lodge. This was one of the best meetings held during my term of office, as most of the members were present and some visitors from other lodges. There was no degree work, but I am well satisfied that the officers are competent. R. W. Bro. Hans Nicholson of Irricana stressed the need of more Masonic Research and Education of which I am fully in accord. I found the books in excellent order and on the whole the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

It was my pleasure, accompanied by several of the brethren of Cyprus Lodge, to officially visit St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 66, at Trochu, on November 14th. No degrees were conferred, the night was bitterly cold and the attendance was poor. Nevertheless we had a splendid meeting. I examined the records which were in good shape and were neatly and accurately kept. This lodge owns their hall, of which they feel very proud. Later I visited them unofficially and saw the first degree conferred upon two candidates in a very efficient and capable manner.

Cyprus, No. 113, is my Mother Lodge and I paid my official visit on November 20th, when I received the usual hearty welcome. W. Bro. McNabb and his Wardens showed great skill and ability in the able manner in which they conducted the business of the meeting. There was no degree work but since that date I have witnessed the conferring of the first and second degrees with entire satisfaction. I examined the records of this lodge, and with the exception of the Historical Register which has been misplaced by some previous Secretary, great credit should be extended to R. W. Bro. Harte for the able way in which he handles the secretarial work of Cyprus Lodge. I want to express my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the brethren of this lodge who have accompanied me on all of my official visits and who have so ably assisted me in every way possible to make my term of office a success.

CONCLUSION

Once again to R. W. Bro. Harte who so efficiently acted as District Secretary, my thanks are tendered and I would express the hope that I have discharged the duties of the office of District Deputy to your entire satisfaction, M. W. Sir.

Fraternally submitted,

P. H. RAFFAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Drumheller, May 15, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report on Masonic District No. 16 for 1935-36.

The financial condition of the lodges in the district shows considerable improvement. Total liquid Assets of the seven lodges amount to \$3,768.65, whilst the excess of Assets over Liabilities amounts to \$19,919.55. The arrears of dues situation also shows progress, the total amount outstanding on this account showing a reduction up to December 31st last of \$897.40, and I am told further collections have been made since that date. There was a net decrease in the number of members of 3, the total at December 31st for the District being 402. Four members were removed by death during the year.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Carbon on October 21st last. M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Grand Master, honored us with a visit and was accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. Connacher. All lodges were represented with the exception of one, whose representatives were prevented from attending by a heavy rain storm. After routine business the afternoon session was devoted to general discussion under the several heads suggested by the Grand Master. The plan was adopted of having one member, previously prepared, to initiate the discussion under each head. This proved quite successful, much interesting matter being brought forward. The M. W. the Grand Master and M. W. Bros. Kemmis and Connacher, Custodians of the Work, gave enlightenment on several points. At the evening session we were favored with an interesting and instructive address by the M. W. the Grand Master, which was much appreciated by the large attendance.

W. Bro. J. W. Harrison, of Symbol Lodge, No. 93 was elected D.D.G.M. for the next term and Rockyford was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting.

My thanks are due to the Carbon brethren for the excellent arrangements made for the District Meeting, and particularly to R. W. Bro. Braisher for his kindness in acting as Secretary of the meeting in the unavoidable absence of the District Secretary who had recently undergone an operation for appendicitis.

SYMBOL LODGE, No. 93

I visited this lodge September 25th, 1935. The first degree was conferred by the Master, assisted by three Past Masters, in a very impressive manner. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors, sixteen of the latter being present. This lodge has at last been able to clear itself of its financial encumbrances, and with the immense improvement evident in its arrears of dues situation seems to be headed for a period of financial prosperity. Its books and records are in excellent shape. The splendid work done by its officers to bring about the present happy state of affairs deserves the highest commendation.

CARBON LODGE, No. 107

This lodge was visited May 5th, 1936, when I was accompanied by ten of the brethren from Drumheller and Symbol Lodges. It was Past Masters' night and two candidates were raised to the third degree. R. W. Bro. Braisher and W. Bro. Fairbairn conferred the degrees in a very efficient and impressive manner. The chairs were all occupied by Past Masters and there was an attendance of 42. The records and Historical Register are in excellent shape and the lodge's financial position is sound.

ROCKYFORD LODGE, No. 123

Visited May 11th, 1936. On this occasion a candidate was passed to the second degree. W. Bro. Carpenter, Master of the lodge, has found it necessary, for business reasons, to remove to Medicine Hat. In his absence W. Bro. Bradwell presided and conferred the degree efficiently and impressively. The work of the lodge is being carried on by Bro. Erswell, Senior Warden, and he is receiving valuable assistance from some of the Past Masters. The books and records are in good shape, and the lodge seems to be active and progressive.

ROSEBUD LODGE, No. 149

I visited Rosebud Lodge on September 11th, 1935, accompanied by thirteen of the brethren from Drumheller and Symbol Lodges. This is a small lodge and is kept alive by the enthusiasm of its few members. Its financial condition is good and it has no debt. There was no degree work; but the regular business and the opening and closing ceremonies were capably handled. An eloquent address was delivered by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. P. Griffiths, who had accompanied the party from Drumheller, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

STANDARD LODGE, No. 152

This lodge was visited April 20th, 1936. No degree work was performed on this occasion, but the opening and closing and the regular business were capably handled. The meeting was very late in getting under way. The records and Historical Register are in good shape, and there is a spirit of earnestness about the lodge which seems to indicate future progress. Finances are sound and the arrears problem does not appear to be serious.

DRUMHELLER LODGE, No. 146

This lodge was visited September 17th, 1935. No degree work was performed, the meeting being devoted to regular business which was capably handled by the officers. The attendance was fair. Efforts are being made to improve attendance by personal contacts, by exemplification of degrees and in other ways. The financial condition of the lodge is good, but the arrears of dues situation might very well be improved and the officers are taking steps to that end.

I have not yet been able to visit Hussar Lodge, No. 130, but expect to do so on June 8th. I have three times arranged to go there; but each time had to cancel the trip owing to the bad state of the roads.

Hussar and Rockyford Lodges both meet on the second Monday in each month. Might I suggest that it would make for convenience in arranging the D.D.G.M.'s itinerary if lodges in the same district did not meet on the same date.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the brethren of District No. 16 for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the unfailing kindness and courtesy with which they have received me during my term of office. I also wish to express my appreciation to the brethren of Drumheller and Symbol Lodges who accompanied me on my official visits. My especial thanks are due to W. Bro. C. Christian who most efficiently acted as District Secretary.

May I also express my acknowledgment of the assistance and advice of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

T. M. McGARRY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Tofield, May 14, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District for the year 1935-36.

At the outset I would like to express my appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me by the brethren of this district. I trust I have been worthy of the confidence reposed in me. I have enjoyed the work, and have to the best of my ability, performed the duties of my office. I have been greatly assisted by W. Bro. H. W. Lovell of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, whom I appointed District Secretary. He accompanied me on every official visit but one. On every visit, my own car was filled to capacity with brethren of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, who were most willing to accompany me.

INSTALLATIONS

On June 25th, 1935, a joint installation of officers took place in Viking at the hall of Connaught Lodge, No. 69. Officers of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, Connaught Lodge, No. 69, Dynamic Lodge, No. 96, Victory Lodge, No. 112, and Gratton Lodge, No. 144, were installed by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey.

On June 26th a joint installation of officers was held in the hall of Buffalo Park Lodge, No. 44, at Wainwright, when the officers of Buffalo Park Lodge, No. 44, and Edgerton Lodge, No. 102, were installed by the Grand Master.

These two ceremonies took in all the lodges in the district with the exception of Albion Lodge, No. 97, of Chauvin which installs in the month of December; but brethren from this lodge attended the ceremony at Wainwright. Both ceremonies were impressively conducted by the Grand Master, and his visits on these occasions were much appreciated by all the brethren attending.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held at Tofield on Wednesday, October 9th, 1935. The meeting which opened at 1:30 p.m. was exceptionally well attended. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, accompanied by V. W. Bro. R. G. Vanderburg, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and V. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis, Grand Pursuivant, was received in due form and escorted to the East. The afternoon session was devoted to discussing the problems of individual lodges in particular, and topics of general Masonic interest. The meeting was called from labor to refreshment at 5:30 p.m. when the brethren repaired to the banquet hall, where a repast was served by members of the local chapter of the Eastern Star. Toasts followed and were interspersed with musical items. Labor was resumed at 7:30 p.m., when the Grand Master delivered a thought provoking address on "The present day challenge to Masonry." This was well received by the brethren. An interesting feature of the evening programme was a portrayal of the symbolism of the first degree by M. W. Bro. J. Martland, P.G.M., assisted by a number of Edmonton brethren, which is still being talked about. W. Bro. B. W. Richardson of Connaught Lodge, No. 69, was elected to the office of D.D.G.M. for the year 1936-37. It was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Viking.

OFFICIAL VISITS

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44

On September 4th, 1935, I paid an official visit to Buffalo Park Lodge, which has the largest membership in the district. It is the proud owner of a very fine lodge hall. Most of the officers were in their places, and the business of the lodge was conducted with dispatch. The benevolent fund was found in good shape; 25 per cent of all dues and initiation fees are allocated to this fund. There has been no degree work in this lodge for some time. With its present large membership, a fine lodge hall, the largest town in the district with a first class country surrounding it, this lodge should have a fine future. The subject of my address was "The Apron."

PALESTINE LODGE, No. 46

I visited this, my mother lodge, on August 21st, and was kindly received by the officers and brethren. The officers know their work. The books and records were in excellent shape. Being only an hour's drive from the City of Edmonton this lodge has been singularly fortunate in securing speakers from city lodges. This is a wonderful help in maintaining interest when there is no degree work. I took as my topic "The Ancient Landmarks."

CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 69

I paid my official visit to this lodge on September 10th, 1935. R. W. Bro. Rollans was in the East, and handled the business with tact and ability. Books and records, with the exception of the Historical Register, were in excellent shape. One of the Past Masters undertook to have this brought up-to-date. A large number of visitors were present, and an enjoyable meeting held. The subject of my address was "What does Masonry mean to me?"

DYNAMIC LODGE, No. 96

My first official visit to this lodge was on the evening of October 2nd, 1935. The meeting was held in the old lodge hall. Under the efficient leadership of W. Bro. Geo. Sheaman this lodge has developed into one of the liveliest lodges I have known. At the time of my first visit negotiations were under way to purchase a building to be used as a lodge room. This was accomplished and the building completely remodelled and renovated before the November meeting. I inspected and approved of the same. On November 6th the first meeting was held in the new lodge room. At this meeting R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, R. W. Bro. Harry Fowler, W. Bro. Dr. Dunsworth, and W. Bro. Haliburton, all of Edmonton, were present. The first degree was conferred on a candidate. I have visited this lodge on at least three occasions since that time with great pleasure and profit to myself. Three candidates have been initiated, passed and raised during the year. Three candidates and a new hall in one year. Quite a record.

ALBION LODGE, No. 97

On July 4th, 1935, I paid my official visit to Chauvin. The third degree was conferred on this occasion. It was done with efficiency and proper solemnity. This lodge appears to be in good hands. Its officers were efficient in all phases of the work. It has a number of enthusiastic Past Masters who are a real bulwark to the lodge. Albion lodge is the proud possessor of its own fine lodge hall. I spoke on the topic "What does Masonry mean to me?" This lodge has had considerable degree work during the year and Masonic Research and Education have a prominent place in their activities.

EDGERTON LODGE, No. 102

August 12th was the date of my visit to Edgerton. This lodge has a small membership, but the attendance was good. Just at the time of my visit two active Past Masters had left the district and taken out their dimits. This is quite a loss for a lodge with a resident membership of only nineteen. The lodge has since lost by death its J.W., Bro. C. M. Simmons. Edgerton Lodge is feeling the effect of having no degree work for the past five years or so. It is hoped that this

condition will be changed with the promise of better times. A little new blood would be a fine thing for this lodge. Records and books are well kept. The lodge owns its hall. I spoke on "The Ancient Landmarks."

VICTORY LODGE, No. 112

This was the last lodge to receive an official visit from me. Attempts had been made several times, but weather and bad roads interfered. However, I paid my visit on May 7th, 1935. The W, Master had removed to the town of Millet, but his place was efficiently filled by W. Bro. A. Christensen. This lodge has the smallest membership of any lodge in the district, but the quality of its membership is good and its average attendance is extremely good. They have a good Secretary in W. Bro. Bridgeman and its books and records are in excellent shape. I enjoyed, thoroughly, my visit to this lodge. The subject of my address was "What does Masonry mean to me?"

GRATTON LODGE, No. 144

I paid an official visit to this lodge on September 19th, 1935. Threshing was in full swing at this time and affected the attendance to some extent. However, an interesting meeting was held, and the officers were observed to be well up in their duties and work. Books and records are in good shape. The topic of my address was "The Ancient Landmarks." A brother in his 88th year, Bro. J. H. Elliott, was present and took a live interest in the evening's proceedings. A number of visiting brethren were present, among them, R. W. Bro. Rev. D. K. Allan, Past Grand Chaplain, who had something interesting to say.

Summarizing, I would say that the lodges in District No. 17 are well officered. The condition of Masonry is improving; and there is throughout the district an increasing interest in Masonic Education and Research. In common with all other districts, lodges here have their problems of delinquent members and arrears of dues. These are gradually mending themselves, however, and with the advent of better times should disappear. There was no degree work in any lodges but Dynamic and Albion. It is hoped that better times will also change this condition.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. CHAPMAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), "That the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:00 o'clock noon.

First Day = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master then called for nominations for the office of Grand Master. The Grand Secretary stated that one nomination only had been received, being for R. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay, D.G.M. The Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Representatives
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31st, 1936:

February 1st, 1935, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 3,123.55
Total Deposits.....	17,001.59
Transfer from Relief Fund account office expenses.....	1,200.00
	\$21,325.14

Less:

Cheques issued.....	\$10,763.08
Transfers to Relief and Benevolent Funds..	5,956.00
	\$16,719.08

January 31st, 1936, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 4,606.06
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A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. J. SNADDON,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Calgary, June 9th, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present the Annual Report as Grand Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

Since the last Annual Communication the following books have been purchased for the Grand Lodge Reference Library:

Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians.

Four Volumes of the Transactions of the Lodge of
Research, Dublin, Ireland.

The Proceedings of our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba in our library were in very bad condition, many of the earlier numbers having been damaged by the fire in the Elma Block, and it was deemed desirable to have these suitably bound in cloth, more especially as some of the volumes are now out of print.

The total amount expended during the year was \$41.20.

The following books were presented to the Grand Lodge Library, for which the thanks of Grand Lodge should be recorded:

History of Freemasonry—Mackey & Singleton: Set of six volumes, leather bound—Donated by Bro. W. S. Davidson of Calgary Lodge No. 23.

General History and Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry—Oliver & Macoy: An early edition, bound in calf—Donated by the daughter of late Bro. H. H. Rogers, of Calgary Lodge No. 23.

History of Freemasonry in Tasmania—from the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

A Martyr's Folly—Constantin-Weyer—Donated by Bro. N. W. J. Haydon of Toronto.

Annual Reports of St. Claudius Lodge No. 21, National Grand Lodge of France.

The Grand Lodges of Iowa, Texas, Philippine Islands and Mexico (York G. L.) have favored us with their Bulletins and periodicals, while several other Grand Lodges, including some of those in South America, have sent us pamphlets published by them, in addition to which all the Grand Lodges with whom we are in communication exchange their Annual Proceedings with us. Copies of these have been placed in our library and I would suggest that when time and circumstances permit some of these publications are worthy of binding, as they contain much valuable material for those preparing addresses.

I would recommend that the same appropriation be made as in former years.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved on motion of V. W. Bro. M. C. Wright (142), seconded by W. Bro. Geo. May (9), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 9, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirty-first Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending January 31st, 1936. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1935, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with Section 71 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 169 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 59 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 127 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Norwood Lodge, No. 90	Aug 19, 1935
Grande Prairie, No. 105	Mar. 30, 1936

Amendments to By-Laws

Jasper, No. 14.	June 25, 1935
Empire, No. 63	Aug. 19, 1935
Peace River, No. 89	Aug. 19, 1935
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106	Aug. 31, 1935

Granite, No. 127.....	Aug. 24, 1935
Cavell, No. 125.....	Sept. 16, 1935
Hanna, No. 78.....	Oct. 25, 1935
Berry Creek, No. 158.....	Nov. 2, 1935
Strathcona, No. 77.....	Nov. 14, 1935
Morning Star, No. 79.....	Nov. 14, 1935
Oyen, No. 104.....	Nov. 14, 1935
Lamont, No. 94.....	Nov. 21, 1935
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	Dec. 10, 1935
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	Dec. 18, 1935
Crossfield, No. 48.....	Dec. 18, 1935
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Jan. 17, 1936
Bow River, No. 1.....	Jan. 22, 1936
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Feb. 15, 1936
Unity, No. 51.....	Feb. 15, 1936
Coronation, No. 72.....	Mar. 13, 1936
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Mar. 13, 1936
Jasper, No. 14.....	Apr. 16, 1936
Star of the West, No. 34.....	Apr. 16, 1936
Forestburg, No. 128.....	Apr. 21, 1936
Camrose, No. 37.....	Apr. 29, 1936
Mountain View, No. 16.....	May 9, 1936
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Verdigris, No. 100.....	May 15, 1936
Big Valley, No. 140.....	May 15, 1936
Mountain View, No. 16.....	May 15, 1936

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Eureka, No. 10.....	June 23, 1935
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 23, 1935
Donalda, No. 150.....	June 23, 1935
Corinthian, No. 22.....	June 23, 1935
Gleichen, No. 36.....	June 23, 1935
York, No. 119.....	June 23, 1935
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 23, 1935
Ionic, No. 45.....	June 23, 1935
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June 23, 1935
Vulcan, No. 74.....	June 30, 1935
Hope, No. 38.....	Sept. 29, 1935
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	Oct. 20, 1935

To Hold Special Installations

Vermilion, No. 24.....	June 14, 1935
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	June 14, 1935
Palestine, No. 46.....	June 14, 1935
Edson, No. 68.....	June 14, 1935
Connaught, No. 69.....	June 14, 1935
Norwood, No. 90.....	June 14, 1935
Dynamic, No. 96.....	June 14, 1935
Edgerton, No. 102.....	June 14, 1935
Gratton, No. 144.....	June 14, 1935
Victory, No. 112.....	June 19, 1935
Kitscoty, No. 131.....	June 19, 1935

West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June 21, 1935
Gratton, No. 144.....	Aug. 10, 1935
Coal, No. 62.....	Nov. 4, 1935
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Nov. 14, 1935
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov. 14, 1935
Camrose, No. 37.....	Nov. 19, 1935
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 22, 1935
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec. 3, 1935
Coronation, No. 72.....	Dec. 3, 1935
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Dec. 3, 1935
Hythe, No. 156.....	Dec. 3, 1935
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 4, 1935
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec. 6, 1935
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Dec. 6, 1935
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 7, 1935
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Dec. 7, 1935
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec. 9, 1935
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 12, 1935
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 12, 1935
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 13, 1935
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Dec. 17, 1935
Symbol, No. 93.....	Dec. 18, 1935
Donalda, No. 150.....	Dec. 18, 1935
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 21, 1935
Meridian, No. 129.....	Dec. 23, 1935
Provost, No. 61.....	Dec. 31, 1935
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Dec. 31, 1935
Bassano, No. 55.....	Jan. 11, 1936

To Hold Special Elections

Connaught, No. 69.....	June 29, 1935
Patricia, No. 91.....	Apr. 22, 1936

To Elect and Install or Invest Out of Time

Onoway, No. 138.....	June 19, 1935
Waskatenau, No. 154.....	July 5, 1935
Robert Burns, No. 49.....	Oct 28, 1935
Empire, No. 63.....	Dec. 23, 1935
Whitecourt, No. 153.....	Jan. 18, 1936
Coronation, No. 72.....	Mar. 10, 1936
Alliance, No. 135.....	Apr. 18, 1936
Lucerne, No. 159.....	May 18, 1936

To Invest Out of Time

Spirit River, No. 116.....	Aug. 5, 1935
Brooks, No. 73.....	Dec. 31, 1935
King Hiram, No. 21.....	Jan. 7, 1936
Cyprus, No. 113.....	Jan. 9, 1936
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Feb. 6, 1936
Hythe, No. 156.....	Feb. 3, 1936

Kitchener, No. 95.....	Feb. 27, 1936
Hussar, No. 130.....	Mar. 28, 1936
Peace River, No. 89.....	Apr. 23, 1936

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Carstairs, No. 20.....	June 14, 1935
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	June 14, 1935
Symbol, No. 93.....	June 14, 1935
Rosebud, No. 149.....	June 14, 1935
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Aug. 14, 1935
Apollo, No. 27.....	Aug. 14, 1935
Cornerstone, No. 19.....	Aug. 28, 1935
Irricana, No. 137.....	Sept. 6, 1935
Chief Mountain, No. 58.....	Sept. 30, 1935
Standard, No. 152.....	Oct. 14, 1935
Dominion, No. 117.....	Nov. 13, 1935
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 22, 1935
Sharon, No. 157.....	Dec. 4, 1935
Forestburg, No. 128.....	Dec. 5, 1935
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Dec. 7, 1935
Eureka, No. 10.....	Dec. 23, 1935
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Dec. 28, 1935
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 28, 1935
Rosebud, No. 149.....	Feb. 18, 1936
King George, No. 59.....	Mar. 9, 1936
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Mar. 20, 1936
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Mar. 27, 1936
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Mar. 28, 1936
Melrose, No. 139.....	May 5, 1936
Dominion, No. 117.....	May 23, 1936

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Acacia, No. 11.....	Sept. 25, 1935
Concord, No. 124.....	Feb. 17, 1936

To Confer Degrees Within the Time Prescribed by the Constitution

Ashlar, No. 28.....	Mar. 9, 1936
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To Ballot Within the Time Prescribed by Constitution

Whitecourt, No. 153.....	Apr. 23, 1935
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To Act Without Residence Qualifications

Lochearn, No. 151.....	Nov. 9, 1935
Carbon, No. 107.....	Jan. 3, 1936
Hythe, No. 156.....	Feb. 3, 1936

Grand Representatives

A list of Commissions issued to Grand Representatives in other Grand Lodges and recommendations made by the M. W. the Grand Master of brethren for Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, is shown in the Grand Master's Address.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Revision of the Constitution

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland and R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. J. Martland, Chairman; M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, and M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Chairman; R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis and W. Bro. Ronald Wood.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. W. P. Griffiths, Chairman; R. W. Bro. C. B. Oakley and R. W. Bro. T. M. McGarry.

Other Special Committees appointed by the Grand Master are shown in the Grand Master's Address.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1934 (as corrected).....12,561

Increase

Initiated.....	195
Passed.....	170
Raised.....	169
Joined.....	119
Reinstated.....	50
Total Increase.....	364

Decrease

Dimitted.....	315
Suspended N.P.D.....	294
Suspended U.M.C.....	1
Died.....	159
Total Decrease.....	769
Net Decrease.....	405

Total Membership, December 31, 1935.....12,156

As compared with last year's report, we again show a decrease in membership. However, initiations have increased while affiliations and reinstatements are very little below those of last year. Suspensions N.P.D. have also increased as have the number of deaths, but on the whole the downward trend does not seem so pronounced.

With reference to certificates issued, Master Mason certificates are requested on the forms provided lodge Secretaries for half-yearly returns. Again I would draw attention to this form, on which is given an example of the way names and other information should be entered. In many cases this is not followed, full names are not given and surnames are frequently misspelled, dates are omitted and other information is wanting. We can only get these particulars by writing and much delay is occasioned thereby. The form is simple and should be easy to fill out correctly. It is suggested that Masters of lodges should make a point of checking it over before signing.

Last year a few Secretaries neglected to send in their June Returns in spite of several warnings. I regret that I had to impose a fine of \$5.00 on one of these, in accordance with the Constitution. The Secretary then sent in his report, but declined to pay the fine and it is still charged against the lodge. Having regard to prevailing conditions I was very loath to impose the fine and only did so in this case as a last resort.

I would ask Grand Lodge to study the pronounced increase of late years in our list of registered Life Members, the total number being 707, of which 584 are still with us. I might mention that in three of our lodges the combined total of Life Members as at December 1935 was 160. As Life Members are not assessed for dues to their lodge nor do the lodges pay Grand Lodge dues for them after payment of the registration fee, it will be apparent that we are carrying an undue proportion of members who are free of dues and yet constitute a continual charge on their lodges and a potential obligation on the part of Grand Lodge.

There is a marked improvement in the receipt of lodge notices of meetings; only a few come in without the seal of the lodge. There are still, however, a number which give inadequate information regarding candidates for initiation and affiliation. In both cases full names and their Post Office address is necessary, while those for affiliation should always give the name of the lodge from which they hail as well. This is necessary for the information of every member of the lodge, whether resident or non-resident. In the same connection, I would point out that some Secretaries are in the habit of typing notices of motion on a separate slip, without heading or identification mark of any kind. Such slips should be attached to the notice and also should have the impress of the seal of the lodge.

The Grand Secretary is often referred to for "rulings", so called by the inquirers, on matters governed by the Constitution. In cases where there is evident infraction of the Constitution, if the course indicated is followed, the endeavor has been to point out definitely and plainly what the result would necessarily be. In other cases, where the meaning of a clause was not clear to the inquirer, an explanation was not given without careful study and reference to authorities. Personal opinions, even when specially asked for, are avoided as much as possible, and in trying to be explicit at times one may be considered

somewhat harsh in insisting that the Constitution must be followed. In all cases where interpretation of the Constitution is required, the Grand Master is referred to for a ruling.

As Grand Secretary I have several times been asked by lodges and individuals to write Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions for them. Sometimes it is stated that they have been unable to get replies from lodges to which they have been writing. In all cases I have had prompt and courteous replies and succeeded in establishing communication on a proper basis. I would suggest here that all such correspondence should go through this office in the first place and also all official correspondence, so that a record of the same will be available.

The appropriation for extra assistance in the office this year has been much appreciated. While it has not been necessary to use the full amount, we could hardly have managed without, having to cope with a large increase in office work occasioned by the revision of the Constitution, circulars, notices, Masonic plays, etc., together with the many committees that are at work during the year. Our thanks are due to M. W. Bro. Mitchell in particular, in connection with the Bulletin, for preparing it so completely (not without some expense to himself) that we were able after one reading to send it to be mimeographed and only had the work of addressing envelopes, stamping and mailing from the office. To the President of the Board of Benevolence and the Chairmen of the other committees, for their consideration in keeping the work entailed within limits as far as possible, our thanks are also due. The purchase of an adding machine for the office by the Finance Committee has been and will be of great assistance in compiling statements and returns, of which many are now needed. I may say that including the cost of this machine the amount expended from this appropriation since last Grand Lodge was \$284.50, a little more than half.

In conclusion, may I say that I greatly appreciate the many kindnesses and words of commendation I have received personally and by letter for services which I have attempted to render to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. S. Kinnear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending January 31st, 1936

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Monies received between February 1, 1935 and January 31, 1936

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$283.35	40.	Joppa.....	87.80
2.	Medicine Hat.....	282.95	41.	King Solomon....	67.60
3.	Alberta.....	111.40	42.	Bowden.....	70.80
4.	North Star.....	253.00	43.	Tuscan.....	183.50
5.	Cascade.....	167.80	44.	Buffalo Park....	114.65
6.	Spitzie.....	127.00	45.	Ionic.....	71.65
7.	Edmonton.....	323.40	46.	Palestine.....	75.75
8.	Innisfail.....	80.40	47.	Chinook.....	23.80
9.	Perfection.....	224.25	48.	Crossfield.....	81.20
10.	Eureka.....	146.95	49.	Robert Burns....	48.65
11.	Acacia.....	281.90	50.	Comet.....	44.40
12.	Red Deer.....	148.00	51.	Unity.....	448.80
13.	Victoria.....	114.69	53.	Strathmore.....	89.80
14.	Jasper.....	187.50	54.	Mount Lebanon..	244.20
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	142.60	55.	Bassano.....	85.60
16.	Mountain View...	42.80	56.	Beaver.....	82.90
17.	Nanton.....	116.20	57.	Grassy Lake.....	42.05
18.	Britannia.....	99.90	58.	Chief Mountain..	26.20
19.	Cornerstone....	179.25	59.	King George.....	372.40
20.	Carstairs.....	60.20	60.	Acme.....	27.60
21.	King Hiram.....	105.10	61.	Provost.....	83.60
22.	Corinthian.....	220.10	62.	Coal.....	50.45
23.	Calgary.....	220.45	63.	Empire.....	158.35
24.	Vermilion.....	169.85	64.	Bow Island.....	104.05
25.	St. John's.....	160.20	65.	Diamond City....	64.80
26.	Sentinel.....	44.55	66.	St. Andrew's....	75.65
27.	Apollo.....	141.45	67.	Charity.....	92.20
28.	Ashlar.....	210.15	68.	Edson.....	191.70
29.	Kenilworth.....	147.60	69.	Connaught.....	60.55
30.	Summit.....	69.65	70.	Quarry.....	86.30
31.	Doric.....	62.30	71.	Tawatinaw.....	88.95
32.	Cairo.....	286.65	72.	Coronation.....	123.95
33.	Stavely.....	88.00	73.	Brooks.....	142.35
34.	Star of the West..	69.00	74.	Vulcan.....	57.60
35.	Mizpah.....	173.00	75.	Harmony.....	42.90
36.	Gleichen.....	146.25	77.	Strathcona.....	213.30
37.	Camrose.....	178.65	78.	Hanna.....	95.75
38.	Hope.....	59.25	79.	Morning Star....	74.65
39.	Lethbridge.....	204.65	80.	Excelsior.....	42.15

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
81.	Commercial.....	195.80	128.	Forestburg.....	97.10
82.	Acadia.....	57.33	129.	Meridian.....	60.85
83.	Zetland.....	305.55	130.	Hussar.....	93.10
84.	Champion.....	66.20	131.	Kitscoty.....	43.25
86.	Rocky Mountain..	100.60	132.	Craigmyle.....	31.45
87.	Crescent.....	6.60	133.	Manyberries.....	74.95
88.	Wahpun.....	59.90	134.	Renfrew.....	203.70
89.	Peace River.....	48.80	135.	Alliance.....	47.65
90.	Norwood.....	72.35	136.	Cresset.....	20.80
91.	Patricia.....	327.40	137.	Irricana.....	72.90
92.	Saskatchewan.....	162.90	138.	Onoway.....	37.25
93.	Symbol.....	220.00	139.	Melrose.....	34.45
94.	Lamont.....	84.00	140.	Big Valley.....	28.20
95.	Kitchener.....	54.85	141.	Efficiency.....	43.40
96.	Dynamic.....	60.20	142.	Ivanhoe.....	220.40
97.	Albion.....	69.65	143.	Jasper Park.....	110.50
98.	Hand Hill.....	89.55	144.	Gratton.....	47.90
100.	Verdigris.....	65.90	145.	St. Alban's.....	73.15
102.	Edgerton.....	15.80	146.	Drumheller.....	88.95
103.	Foremost.....	85.80	147.	Northland.....	33.10
104.	Oyen.....	77.10	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	29.00
105.	Grande Prairie....	129.70	149.	Rosebud.....	16.70
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	69.60	150.	Donalda.....	31.25
107.	Carbon.....	81.75	151.	Lochearn.....	91.90
108.	Pyramid.....	47.95	152.	Standard.....	25.00
109.	Ancient Landmark	52.85	153.	Whitecourt.....	33.55
110.	Kilwinning.....	85.45	154.	Waskatenau.....	37.25
111.	Nobleford.....	39.65	155.	Earl Haig.....	33.60
112.	Victory.....	26.25	156.	Hythe.....	61.10
113.	Cyprus.....	67.20	157.	Sharon.....	37.85
114.	Westlock.....	121.25	158.	Berry Creek.....	51.30
115.	Crocus.....	51.85	159.	Lucerne.....	17.40
116.	Spirit River.....	79.85	160.	Sexsmith.....	55.25
117.	Dominion.....	158.70	Masonic District No. 4.	136.00	
118.	St. Mark's.....	100.00	Masonic District No. 5.	5.25	
119.	York.....	168.50	Masonic District No. 8.	85.00	
120.	Monitor.....	73.20	Masonic District No. 9.	85.15	
122.	Rising Sun.....	79.70	Masonic District No. 14.	85.00	
123.	Rockyford.....	67.85	Masonic District No. 15.	170.00	
124.	Concord.....	137.80	Sundry Account.....	9.50	
125.	Cavell.....	46.90			
126.	Pembina.....	58.85			
127.	Granite.....	93.40			
				Total.....	\$16,893.62

DEBIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1936

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2.	Medicine Hat.....	\$ 18.00	16.	Mountain View...	.75
3.	Alberta.....	1.85	17.	Nanton.....	.90
4.	North Star.....	.50	19.	Cornerstone.....	7.25
6.	Spitzie.....	1.40	20.	Carstairs.....	.59
11.	Acacia.....	1.50	22.	Corinthian.....	18.00
12.	Red Deer.....	2.15	23.	Calgary.....	1.50

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
24.	Vermilion.....	2.85	103.	Foremost.....	.30
27.	Apollo.....	10.25	104.	Oyen.....	.75
29.	Kenilworth.....	.65	107.	Carbon.....	3.85
30.	Summit.....	.25	109.	Ancient Landmark	.75
32.	Cairo.....	2.35	111.	Nobleford.....	4.25
36.	Gleichen.....	2.75	112.	Victory.....	.60
37.	Camrose.....	5.10	113.	Cyprus.....	2.90
39.	Lethbridge.....	2.00	114.	Westlock.....	4.05
45.	Ionic.....	1.25	116.	Spirit River.....	3.30
46.	Palestine.....	.15	118.	St. Mark's.....	127.70
47.	Chinook.....	.50	119.	York.....	1.00
48.	Crossfield.....	342.64	120.	Monitor.....	46.05
50.	Comet.....	.45	121.	Clive.....	6.80
51.	Unity.....	8.00	122.	Rising Sun.....	.20
53.	Strathmore.....	3.55	123.	Rockyford.....	1.85
54.	Mount Lebanon..	4.20	124.	Concord.....	5.85
55.	Bassano.....	2.00	125.	Cavell.....	2.55
58.	Chief Mountain..	.50	126.	Pembina.....	6.70
60.	Acme.....	.15	127.	Granite.....	7.30
61.	Provost.....	14.00	129.	Meridian.....	.50
63.	Empire.....	4.10	130.	Hussar.....	4.60
67.	Charity.....	.15	134.	Renfrew.....	1.40
69.	Connaught.....	1.15	136.	Cresset.....	2.25
73.	Brooks.....	2.00	137.	Irricana.....	3.50
74.	Vulcan.....	8.25	139.	Melrose.....	3.55
75.	Harmony.....	1.35	141.	Efficiency.....	.10
76.	Fidelity.....	175.20	143.	Jasper Park.....	.40
80.	Excelsior.....	27.35	144.	Gratton.....	.50
82.	Acadia.....	6.12	145.	St. Alban's.....	13.05
83.	Zetland.....	4.00	146.	Drumheller.....	1.95
87.	Crescent.....	139.30	147.	Northland.....	8.25
90.	Norwood.....	.15	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	17.25
91.	Patricia.....	4.75	149.	Rosebud.....	1.00
92.	Saskatchewan.....	2.05	153.	Whitecourt.....	78.80
93.	Symbol.....	5.70	155.	Earl Haig.....	36.40
95.	Kitchener.....	2.00	156.	Hythe.....	.40
96.	Connaught.....	6.40	157.	Sharon.....	4.15
97.	Morning Star.....	1.75	159.	Lucerne.....	.25
98.	Hand Hill.....	.15		Masonic District No. 4..	34.00
100.	Verdigris.....	.15			
101.	West Edmonton..	296.55			
102.	Edgerton.....	1.20			
				Total.....	\$1,586.85

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31, 1936

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5.	Cascade.....	\$ 3.50	40.	Joppa.....	2.05
7.	Edmonton.....	.60	41.	King Solomon.....	.20
8.	Innisfail.....	1.35	43.	Tuscan.....	1.00
9.	Perfection.....	.05	44.	Buffalo Park.....	.60
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.15	62.	Coal.....	.25
31.	Doric.....	1.60	64.	Bow Island.....	1.20
35.	Mizpah.....	3.10	65.	Diamond City.....	.50

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
70.	Quarry.....	.50	142.	Ivanhoe.....	.35
81.	Commercial.....	1.40	158.	Berry Creek.....	.15
84.	Champion	3.60		Masonic District No. 5.	.10
94.	Lamont	.50		Masonic District No. 11.	.10
105.	Grande Prairie....	9.30		Masonic District No. 12.	1.50
106.	Lake Saskatoon....	.50		Masonic District No. 14.	1.45
128.	Forestburg.....	2.65		Masonic District No. 15.	3.00
131.	Kitscoty.....	1.70			
133.	Manyberries.....	.20			
140.	Big Valley.....	.10			
				Total.....	\$ 43.25

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 18th, 1936.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ended January 31st, 1936, and submit herewith the following statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at January 31st, 1936.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the fiscal period.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes effected in the Benevolent
Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during the
year.

STATEMENT showing the par value and cost of the Bonds,
together with the earned and accrued interest to date.

I have had submitted to me full and sufficient vouchers covering
all expenditures which were duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

On the suggestion of the Finance Committee I have made a careful
examination of the Inventory of the Supplies and Stationery on
hand and recommended that the sum of \$1,163.69 be written off the
value of the Inventory as representing obsolete and unsaleable stock.
One half of this sum has been written off against the 1936 surplus
leaving the balance to be written off in 1937.

I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, with the Grand
Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee
and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and
Relief Funds and found same to be fully accounted for.

I certify the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements
are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the
Financial position of Grand Lodge as at January 31st, 1936, according
to the best of my information and the explanation given to me, and
as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at January 31st, 1936

ASSETS

General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 4,606.06
Balances due from Lodges.....	1,586.85
Books, Statements & Supplies. \$2,306.01	
Less Amount written off.....	581.70
	<u>\$ 1,724.31</u>
Office Supplies on hand.....	285.48
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,114.20
Regalia.....	796.50
	<u>\$ 11,113.40</u>
Benevolent Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 836.57
Investments in Bonds (cost) (Par Value, \$195,700.00).....	185,540.05
Accrued Interest.....	2,703.85
	<u>\$189,080.47</u>
Relief Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 3,987.03
Investment in Bonds (cost) (Par Value, \$17,500.00).....	17,931.25
Accrued Interest.....	787.50
	<u>22,705.78</u>
Trust Fund:	
Walton Trust Fund—Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	222.60
	<u>\$223,122.25</u>

LIABILITIES

General Fund:	
Balances due to Lodges.....	\$ 43.25
Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships.....	901.83
Reserve for Scottish Bi-Centenary.....	400.00
Surplus Account:	
Balance Feb. 1, 1935.....	\$9,508.15
Less Amount written off Books and Stationery.....	581.70
	<u>\$8,926.45</u>
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure.....	818.60
Plus Rebate on Insurance 1934 Accounts.....	23.27
	<u>\$ 9,768.32</u>
	<u>\$ 11,113.40</u>
Benevolent Fund:	
Capital Account—	
As per Schedule attached.....	189,080.47
Relief Fund:	
Surplus Account—	
As per Schedule attached.....	22,705.78
Trust Fund:	
Walton Trust Fund—United Grand Lodge of England.....	222.60
	<u>\$223,122.25</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

As at January 31st, 1936

By Balance, Feb. 1, 1935.....	\$188,618.29	
Affiliation Fees.....	148.00	
Donation Installed Masters Association.....	100.25	
Interest, Savings Account.....	.41	
To Adjustment in Cost Price of Bonds ex- changed.....	\$ 129.40	
By Adjustment Accrued Interest.....		342.92
To Balance to Balance Sheet.....	189,080.47	
	<u>\$189,209.87</u>	<u>\$189,209.87</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at January 31st, 1936

By Balance February 1st, 1935.....	\$ 19,978.16	
Membership Dues.....	5,808.00	
Interest on Investments.....	10,344.50	
Interest on Savings Account.....	44.59	
Adjustment on Accrued Interest.....	301.24	
To Grants to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 12,526.96	
Expenses of Committee.....	43.75	
Proportion of Grand Lodge Office Ex- pense as per Resolution.....	1,200.00	
To Balance Sheet.....	22,705.78	
	<u>\$ 36,476.49</u>	<u>\$ 36,476.49</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months ended January 31st, 1936

By Membership Fees.....	\$ 8,131.20
Initiation Fees.....	412.00
Certificate Fees.....	549.00
Dispensations.....	202.00
Life Membership Fees.....	266.06
Supplies Sold.....	979.74
Regalia Sold.....	616.00
Affiliation Fees.....	127.00
Charters.....	10.00
Fines.....	5.00
Sundries.....	9.60
Gross Income.....	\$11,307.60
To Cost of Supplies Sold:	
Inventory, Feb. 1, 1935.....	\$2,617.05
Purchases.....	396.25
	\$3,013.30
Less Inventory, Jan. 31, 1936.....	2,306.01
	\$ 707.29
To Cost of Regalia Sold.....	531.90
To Office Expenses:	
Salaries.....	\$4,970.00
Rent and Light.....	1,140.00
Telephone and Telegrams.....	130.13
Postage and Express.....	261.86
Janitor Service.....	163.00
Office Supplies.....	195.94
Exchange.....	48.75
General Expenses.....	99.40
	7,009.08
To Printing.....	\$1,231.32
Travelling and Grand Master's	
Expense.....	789.47
Grand Lodge Expense.....	441.10
Insurance.....	14.11
Research and Education Committee	
Expense.....	62.58
Grand Lodge Bulletin.....	43.10
Grand Lodge Library.....	51.45
Grand Masters' Conference.....	84.20
	2,717.33
Reserve for Scottish Bi-Centenary.....	400.00
To Depreciation:	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$ 234.90
Regalia.....	88.50
	323.40
	\$11,689.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income.....	381.40
Less Allocation from Relief Fund on account of	
Operating Expenses of Grand Lodge.....	1,200.00
Net Revenue for the Year.....	\$ 818.60

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from February 1st, 1935, to January 31st, 1936

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, February 1, 1935.....	\$ 3,123.55
Receipts from Lodges.....	16,893.62
Refund on Insurance (1934).....	23.27
Relief Fund payment on account Grand Lodge	
Office Expense.....	1,200.00

DISBURSEMENTS

By Salaries.....	\$ 4,970.00
Printing.....	1,231.32
Travelling and Grand Master's Expense.....	789.47
Rent.....	1,140.00
Postage and Express.....	261.86
Office Supplies.....	149.65
Janitor Service.....	163.00
Telephone and Telegrams.....	130.13
Insurance.....	14.11
General Expense.....	99.40
Grand Lodge Expense.....	441.10
Reference Library Expense.....	51.45
Research and Education Committee..	57.14
Grand Lodge Bulletin.....	43.10
Grand Master's Conference.....	84.20
Exchange.....	55.80
Regalia for resale.....	\$ 9,681.73
Books and Supplies for resale.....	531.90
Furniture and Fixtures.....	928.15
Transfers:	
Relief Fund.....	68.50
Benevolent Fund.....	\$ 5,808.00
	148.00
By Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	5,956.00
	4,606.06
	<u>\$ 21,240.44</u>

\$ 21,240.44

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

From February 1st, 1935, to January 31st, 1936

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1, 1935.....	\$ 12.91	
Affiliation Fees.....	148.00	
Donation from Installed Masters Asso- ciation.....	100.25	
Cash Received from Bond Transactions....	575.00	
Interest on Savings Account.....	.41	
By Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		\$ 836.57
	<u>\$ 836.57</u>	<u>\$ 836.57</u>

RELIEF FUND

To Balance in Bank, Feb. 1, 1935.....	\$ 7,394.18	
Interest on Bonds.....	10,344.50	
Membership Dues.....	5,808.00	
Receipts from Lodges on account of Beneficiaries.....	344.50	
Interest on Savings Account.....	44.59	
By Grants to Beneficiaries.....		\$12,871.46
Bonds Purchased.....		5,487.50
Accrued Interest on Bonds purchased.....		24.66
Accrued Interest on Bonds purchased due to Benevolent Fund.....		321.37
Expenses of Committee.....		43.75
Transfer to General Fund on account Grand Lodge Office Expense.....		1,200.00
To Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		3,987.03
	<u>\$23,935.77</u>	<u>\$23,935.77</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT
 January 31st, 1936

<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Rate of Interest</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
October 15th, 1943	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 16.27
October 15th, 1944	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	100.00	100.00	4.50	1.33
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,975.00	90.00	22.68
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	8,000.00	7,851.25	360.00	90.72
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,500.00	1,507.50	67.50	17.01
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	493.25	22.50	5.67
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,500.00	1,566.00	67.50	17.01
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,000.00	1,086.00	45.00	11.34
		\$ 15,700.00	\$ 15,649.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 182.03
Province of Alberta:					
January 1st, 1948	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 42.46
October 15th, 1954	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	13,000.00	12,545.00	585.00	173.10
September 1st, 1955	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	23,000.00	21,390.00	1,150.00	482.03
October 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	225.00	75.81
October 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	90.00	30.32
May 1st, 1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	225.00	56.71
June 1st, 1967	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	1,080.00	183.42
May 1st, 1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	480.00	22.50	5.64
September 1st, 1955	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	38,500.00	37,710.75	1,925.00	806.89
		\$121,000.00	\$115,923.05	\$5,802.50	\$1,856.38
City of Calgary:					
June 2nd, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 64.34
June 15th, 1945	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,990.00	100.00	12.87
March 12th, 1945	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,380.00	90.00	34.76
December 1st, 1951	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,000.00	805.00	60.00	10.19
June 2nd, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	4,137.50	275.00	45.95
March 31st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	4,000.00	3,580.00	220.00	74.13
January 1st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	10,000.00	9,075.00	550.00	46.71
January 1st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	9,000.00	8,302.50	495.00	42.04
		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,870.00	\$2,175.00	\$ 330.99
City of Edmonton:					
March 1st, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,075.60	\$ 165.00	\$ 69.16
November 1st, 1945	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	2,054.00	110.00	27.72
April 1st, 1947	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,000.00	1,028.40	55.00	18.53
April 1st, 1960	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	13,000.00	12,940.00	650.00	219.04
		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,098.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 334.45
Total Bonds.....		\$195,700.00	\$185,540.05	\$9,669.50	\$2,703.85
Relief Fund Investment Account					
Dominion of Canada:					
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 225.00	\$ 56.71
November 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	28.35
November 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,040.00	225.00	56.71
November 1st, 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	56.71
		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,921.25	\$ 787.50	\$ 198.48

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple in Calgary immediately following the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 13, 1935, a full quorum being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Upon the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, it was resolved that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint the various standing committees and that thereafter the said committees elect their respective Chairmen. The Board then adjourned until June 9th in Edmonton, when the following matters were brought forward and considered by your Board.

It was the considered opinion of the Board that assistance should be rendered the Grand Secretary in this communication of Grand Lodge and R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland was accordingly appointed Assistant Grand Secretary for the duration of this Grand Lodge session.

One lodge protested against the practice of having to pay for presentation regalia given to Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and suggested that Grand Lodge should undertake this expense. Your Board desires to point out to this lodge that this is a matter over which Grand Lodge has no control, and that it devolves upon each district to determine this matter for themselves and to practise such economies in this connection as they may determine.

A protest was received from a lodge objecting to the manner in which the proxy of this lodge had been treated by Grand Lodge in the matter of voting in the absence of their principal officers. Inasmuch as this Board felt that Grand Lodge at the 1935 communication had determined this question for themselves, this Board felt that they could not sit as an appeal Board and ordered the communication to be filed.

An apology was received from W. Bro. James Reid of Bow Island Lodge and requesting reinstatement. This apology not complying with the conditions set forth by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in Calgary in 1933, the committee decided that they could not entertain an application for reinstatement until Bro. Reid had decided to comply with the conditions therein set forth.

The question was submitted to the Board with reference to the right of a Master to deny the request of a brother in good standing for

a Masonic funeral. This matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who will present their finding.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m. to re-convene at 1:30 p.m., when it carefully considered the reports of the undermentioned Standing Committees which received the approval of the Board:

The Committee on Jurisprudence.
The Committee on Grievances and Appeals.
The Committee on the Condition of Masonry.
The Committee on Finance.
The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.
The Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, (59), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Edmonton, June 9, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We have much pleasure in submitting herewith the Report of the Board of Benevolence for the past year.

Immediately following the 1935 session of Grand Lodge the revised regulations were printed and distributed to all lodges, together with a covering letter giving the necessary instructions for the application of Relief Grants. Your Board is of the opinion that these regulations have worked to the advantage of the Craft, but there are still one or two points that require elucidation.

This fund is not maintained for the purpose of replenishing the depleted Benevolent Funds of the lodges, neither can it be called upon to make grants for the purpose of paying for Halls or Lodge Rooms. Under the first clause of our regulations "grants made to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the lodge," is meant to assist at the time the lodge making the application, not two or three years later. This Board will refuse all applications for grants which are not for the immediate assistance of the brother in distress.

In the matter of the paying of funeral expenses, a little misunderstanding seems to exist. The sum of \$100.00 mentioned in clause seven of the regulations was intended to cover the total cost of the funeral, and the lodge responsible for the beneficiary is expected to assume their share of this expense. During the past year the Board have been called upon to take care of four funerals of beneficiaries who

have passed to their rest, and where our arrangements have been understood no difficulty has been experienced. In all cases where the lodge assumes responsibility it should be explained to the family that the best interest of all would be conserved by leaving the arrangements in the hands of the Worshipful Master or his representative.

The attention of the lodges is called to the necessity of making prompt payment of monies advanced to brethren at the request of the lodge by the Grand Secretary of another Jurisdiction. This is a courtesy extended to this Grand Lodge and it is manifestly unfair to request a Grand Secretary to render assistance to a brother residing in his jurisdiction and delay reimbursing him. This is not courteous and prompt action on the part of the lodges in matters of this kind will be appreciated.

We wish to express our appreciation of the donation made to the Capital Benevolent Fund of \$100.25 by the Installed Masters' Association.

During the past year meetings of the Board have been held once a month, with an occasional emergency meeting, when all applications presented for consideration were effectively dealt with. We have been exceedingly fortunate in having our Senior Grand Warden as a member of our Board. Being a physician, he was able to render service on technical matters which enabled the Board to give proper consideration to the case and thus avoid pitfalls. Indeed, as a result of a suggestion from R. W. Bro. Hartman, a case of malingering was discovered and promptly dealt with. True to his profession R. W. Bro. Hartman braved the elements, even at 60 below, to attend our meetings, driving all the way from Olds and returning the same night, a distance of 120 miles, and we wish to express our thanks for the services he rendered. It is gratifying to remark that during the year all other out of town members have at some time attended our meetings.

The financial statement discloses that the Board spent the sum of \$12,526.96 in assisting the widows and orphans and in relieving those of our less fortunate brethren upon whom the hand of fate has fallen heavily. A careful survey of each case is made annually and where circumstances require it, investigation is made more frequently. At the present time we have sixty-four beneficiaries with thirty-eight dependents, representing forty-three lodges; of this number twenty-eight lodges contribute towards the assistance of their beneficiaries. We have no complaint to offer against those lodges who are not able to systematically contribute towards the assistance of their brethren, but we do suggest that where the lodge is vitally interested in a beneficiary it redounds to the happiness of all; whereas lodges are liable to lose sight of or forget their unfortunate brethren when they have no real investment in them. To those lodges we recommend that the festive season offers peculiar advantages of remembering these beneficiaries.

The action of the Provincial Government in cutting the rate of interest on their bonds will mean a loss in revenue of approximately \$2,900.00 per annum, and should the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton follow the example the loss would be increased by a further \$1,500.00, which would cut our income in half from this source. Your Board will continue to take care of their beneficiaries on the same basis as in the past and should any contingency arise whereby this policy cannot be continued Grand Lodge will be informed.

The Board would place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Britannia Lodge No. 18 towards the inmates of the mental

institution at Ponoka who may be members of the Craft. By constant visitation and a display of interest in their welfare and by the distribution of presents at the Christmas season, this lodge has done a magnificent work, thus displaying the true spirit of Freemasonry.

One of the most difficult cases this Board has thus far been called upon to deal with was resident in the City of Edmonton, and it fell to the lot of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell to handle the same. Always prompt in action, M. W. Bro. Mitchell by his tact and caution was able to conserve the interests of both the Board and the beneficiary and we owe a debt of gratitude to him for his effective work in this case.

The Board desires to place on record their deep regret at the passing of M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, P.G.M., and their high appreciation of his long years of service to the Board and to the Craft in Alberta as a member and at one time Chairman of the Committee. Always faithful in his attendance at our meetings, he also gave much time and attention to the work in between. He viewed every case from the highest Masonic standpoint and with genuine sympathy for the distressed, his principle being that technicalities should not be allowed to interfere with genuine Masonic Relief. In M. W. Bro. Selwood's death Grand Lodge, this Board and the Craft throughout Alberta have suffered a serious loss and his colleagues on the Board will long remember the valuable co-operation of this most worthy brother.

The Grand Master appointed W. Bro. A. W. Trickey of Ashlar lodge No. 28 to fill the vacancy caused by M. W. Bro. Selwood's death and V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis of Concord Lodge No. 124 was appointed in place of M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, on his removal from the jurisdiction. These appointments greatly facilitated the operations and work of the Board.

We recommend that the regulations of the Board of Benevolence, as approved at the 1935 communication of Grand Lodge, be incorporated in and become part of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

As in the past, it is the desire of this Board to be of the greatest possible service to the Craft in Alberta, in enabling the lodges to practise the tenets of our Fraternity and thus fulfill the mission for which we were constituted.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Benevolence.

WM. IRELAND,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14), "That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

February 1st, 1935, to January 31st, 1936

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$120.00	Mrs. C. C. B.	65.00
Mrs. E. P. A.	25.00	Mrs. S. E. B.	225.74
Bro. A. A.	225.00	Miss M. B.	522.72
Mrs. W. A. A.	195.00	Bro. J. B.	110.00

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bro. L. D. B.....	\$ 110.00	Mrs. E. M.....	\$ 498.70
Mrs. A. B.....	180.00	Mrs. L. M.....	180.00
Mrs. C. C.....	240.00	Bro. A. M.....	50.00
Mrs. C. C.....	155.00	Mrs. M. I. M.....	135.00
Bro. H. C.....	25.00	Bro. J. M.....	20.00
Bro. H. T. C.....	120.00	Mrs. A. M.....	180.00
C. family.....	120.00	Bro. W. S. M.....	160.00
Mrs. A. B. C.....	96.80	Mrs. J. M.....	180.00
Mrs. M. D.....	140.00	Bro. G. N.....	120.00
Bro. F. D.....	210.00	Mrs. H. G. N.....	20.00
Mrs. W. D.....	37.50	Mrs. N.....	30.00
Bro. T. G. D.....	20.00	Bro. E. A. P.....	185.00
Mrs. H. D.....	65.00	Mrs. A. P.....	180.00
Mrs. J. H. D.....	125.00	Mrs. M. J. P.....	170.00
Mrs. W. D.....	60.00	Mrs. J. C. R.....	120.00
Mrs. D.....	120.00	Mrs. E. R.....	165.00
Bro. E. D.....	7.50	Mrs. D. R. R.....	200.00
Mrs. W. E.....	60.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.....	362.50
Bro. C. N. E.....	45.00	Bro. S. C. S.....	180.00
Bro. A. W. E.....	60.00	Bro. A. G. S.....	300.00
Bro. A. F. F.....	415.00	Mrs. A. S.....	70.00
Mrs. E. J. F.....	300.00	Mrs. R. E. S.....	105.00
Bro. P. F.....	25.00	Mrs. C. A. S.....	50.00
Mrs. L. M. F.....	185.00	Bro. C. O. S.....	125.00
Mrs. T. W. F.....	305.00	Mrs. W. J. T.....	185.00
Bro. J. H. F.....	125.00	Bro. C. V. A.....	245.00
Bro. J. G. G.....	75.00	Bro. L. S. W.....	142.50
Bro. W. P. G.....	50.00	Mrs. P. W.....	20.00
Mrs. R. G.....	305.00	Mrs. S. W.....	30.00
Bro. C. S. H.....	342.50	Mrs. W. W.....	90.00
Bro. E. H.....	55.00	Mrs. A. W.....	90.00
Mrs. M. M. H.....	370.00	Mrs. G. W.....	240.00
Mrs. M. J. H.....	60.00	Mrs. S. E. W.....	120.00
Bro. R. V. H.....	50.00	Sundry Grants.....	203.00
Mrs. S. H.....	125.00		
Bro. G. H.....	30.00	Total Grants.....	\$12,871.46
Bro. A. E. H.....	190.00	Less contributions from	
Mrs. S. J.....	360.00	Lodges for their bene-	
Mrs. W. J.....	300.00	ficiaries.....	344.50
Mrs. O. M. K.....	120.00		
Bro. G. D. M.....	205.00	Total Grants by	
Mrs. K. R. M.....	230.00	Grand Lodge.....	\$12,526.96
Mrs. I. M.....	12.00		

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Edmonton, June 9, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has very carefully perused each of the reports of D.D.G.M.'s of the seventeen Masonic Districts, and we report as follows:

The Craft at large were deeply shocked last autumn to learn of the sudden death of R. W. Bro. J. M. Courtney, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, within a short time of his having presided at the meeting of his Masonic District in Medicine Hat. An active and enthusiastic brother cut down by the Grim Reaper in the midst of the labors for which he had planned so thoroughly, leaving a gap not only in the ranks of his district but in the jurisdiction as a whole. Our sympathy for his family in their great loss is here recorded.

R. W. Bro. H. Norman Davis, who was D.D.G.M. last year, very generously volunteered to carry on the duties of the office. His offer was accepted by the M. W. the Grand Master who accordingly appointed him to act as D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 for the remaining period. We express to him our appreciation for his willingness to again accept the responsibilities of an office in which he had already served so well.

The past year has been rather difficult for the D.D.G.M.'s generally to accomplish their work of visiting the lodges. Bad weather set in early in October and the long severe winter, with much snow and a late spring following, all conspired against travelling in the rural parts of the Province. In some instances official visits were attempted several times, only to be balked by the elements. In spite of these difficulties only four lodges failed to receive a visitation of a representative of the Grand Master. Lacking some other explanation we are left to assume that the same reason accounted for five lodges holding only eight regular meetings. Two lodges had only seven meetings and one lodge only five. We recommend that in future lodges failing to hold regular meetings during the year should be required to furnish the D.D.G.M. with a satisfactory explanation.

WORK

More lodges have been engaged in conferring degrees than for some years, which is gratifying. To retain its vitality and continue to perform its great mission to mankind, Masonry must receive infusions from time to time. It is hoped that with the renewed flow of candidates in the days to come we shall not fall into the old error of failure to educate the candidate. "The Lodge Plan of Education" recently sent by the Research and Education Committee to all lodges is framed to meet that very problem.

ATTENDANCE

Almost without exception the reports indicate an increase in attendance, which suggests a revival of interest on the part of the general membership. It must be said, with a few outstanding exceptions, the smaller lodges are making a better showing than the larger ones. Many of the older lodges are not having the attendance that one has a right to expect. Several D.D.G.M.'s report that success followed upon adoption of a systematic lodge plan of ensuring attendance.

PROGRAMMES

There is one unfailing method of securing attendance and that is sustained programmes to keep the meetings interesting. Wherever Masonic plays were put on, the reports are that the occasion was a success for the lodge. The "Masonic Play" idea has not caught on in all districts yet. It is known, however, that quite a few lodges planned to present a play last winter, but the severity of the weather and the period of mourning made this impossible.

Many lodges have carefully followed the educational programme of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education. Those lodges which have not been interested in either of these helpful plans are those in which lack of attendance and unpaid dues are real problems. We would suggest a more vigorous effort on the part of D.D.G.M.'s to interest lodges in these programmes.

ARREARS OF DUES

The table (page 118), arranged for purposes of comparison, indicates a continuance of the downward trend in collecting outstanding dues. We know many Worshipful Masters who have made the matter of reducing arrears and collecting dues their first duty, and success has crowned their efforts. Several D.D.G.M.'s record that the most successful results followed the personal approach of the brother in arrear; letters are cold and easily misunderstood. A splendid method to follow in this plan is to use the older members of the lodge, those who probably sponsored or perhaps instructed some of these brethren when coming into the lodge and who consequently have a special advantage in this regard.

Twelve districts show decreases over the former year, while we regret that five show increases. One district has now attained the alarming proportion of 55.38 per cent of all members in arrears. If this district were in an entirely poor farming area it could be partly understood, but at least a portion of it includes as fine a farming district as there is in Alberta. It has not suffered from crop failure any more than others which have made a far better showing with regard to dues. One lodge of 72 members shows 54 owing \$1,906.00—a truly alarming condition. District No. 1 makes the best showing with 23.47 per cent, but the aggregate outstanding amounting to \$10,611.76 is still very high.

We commend the D.D.G.M.'s for their efforts in trying to secure a reduction of outstanding dues and would urgently charge their successors to most diligently attack this cancer gnawing at the vitals of our Order. Harshness is not required, but rather sound judgment, charity where deserving and action.

CHARITY

Included in the table appended is a listing of the amounts dispersed by districts for Masonic charity. Many districts are greatly to be commended for their activity in this distinguishing Masonic characteristic. We are at a loss to understand the poor showing of a few districts and find it difficult to think that more could not have been done. Be it said that we are quite aware of some lodges doing a commendable work of collecting vegetables and other foods as their contribution to worthy public welfare institutions in the Province and others might well emulate their example. We are aware also that there are some lodges who are doing very fine benevolence work, who do not record any amounts on their books.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

There is evidence of waning interest in District Meetings if attendance is an indication, and an incomplete record shows that quite a number of lodges were not represented at these meetings. It is feared that there is lacking in some lodges a proper understanding of the purposes of a District Meeting. The primary one is not the election of a D.D.G.M., but rather an opportunity for the senior Grand Lodge officers to meet the rank and file of members and to impart to them

something of Grand Lodge policies, programmes and purposes. It should be especially imperative that the officers of each lodge be present as they in turn can pass on the messages and ideals imparted at the meeting. We recommend that in future D.D.G.M.'s be required to note on their reports those lodges which were not represented at District Meetings.

REPRESENTATION AT GRAND LODGE

During the past three years many lodges have not been represented at Grand Lodge by any of their principal officers. In 1933 there were 66 lodges; 1934—78 lodges; and in 1935—59 lodges which were not so represented—and we find the following lodges were not so represented in any one of these three years: Nos. 13, 34, 38, 41, 49, 57, 73, 75, 82, 95, 97, 102, 103, 106, 110, 112, 114, 116, 130, 132, 136, 143, 147, 148, 152, 155 and 158.

It should be quite obvious to all that these are the lodges most in need of that spark of inspiration gained by the principal officers hearing the reports read and listening to the helpful discussions in Grand Lodge. We would direct the incoming D.D.G.M.'s to diligently urge upon all lodges the necessity of their principal officers being in attendance at Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS

One D.D.G.M. recommends the adoption of a standard form of balance sheet for lodges. This has received attention and will be presented to Grand Lodge at this session.

We commend to Grand Lodge the seventeen D.D.G.M.'s who have so diligently and at considerable sacrifice applied themselves to their several tasks. Several were commissioned with special errands, where local difficulties had arisen, necessitating a number of visits to the lodges concerned. We are happy to report that good judgment and tact on the part of these brethren has resulted in "harmony prevailing" in all instances.

A custom has arisen in some districts of expecting the D.D.G.M. to make two visits to each lodge. This is not required and imposes a very severe tax on the time of these worthy brethren. Each one of our D.D.G.M.'s has been worthily supported by his District Secretary to whom we would express appreciation for their interest in Masonry, displayed in carrying on in this office.

For the excellent performance of their duties in the past year, acting as the deputies in their districts of our M. W. Grand Master, we recommend that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following:

Fred Parker (9)	Robt. MacQuarrie (90)
Robert Cockburn (81)	John S. Collins (84)
Wm. C. A. Watt (8)	Thos. G. Govenlock (153)
Geo. Y. Barnett (43)	James K. Smith (116)
Clarence W. Carney (32)	David Dishan (82)
Joseph J. Watson (157)	Peter H. Raffan (113)
Wm. Betts (58)	Thos. M. McGarry (146)
Herbert S. Macartney (56)	John W. Chapman (46)

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

Dist. No.	Percentage of Members in Arrear			Total Arrears		De- crease	In- crease	Charity 1935
	1933	1934	1935	1933	1934			
1	30.94%	31.40%	23.47%	\$12,082.83	\$12,269.70	x		\$ 5,082.40
2	23.45%	24.76%	24.03%	2,971.75	2,331.00	x		771.63
3	40.15%	38.57%	32.91%	6,137.03	4,798.10	x		923.00
4	38.10%	40.98%	38.58%	5,995.54	5,246.66		x	266.49
5	48.60%	47.32%	36.95%	3,427.65	3,544.80	x		25.00
6	50.50%	36.46%	30.45%	4,643.80	3,278.55	x		411.65
7	39.40%	34.90%	29.11%	4,363.10	3,248.05		x	998.25
8	35.00%	38.10%	35.64%	3,122.75	2,670.25		x	403.50
9	43.60%	36.78%	40.18%	3,899.15	2,368.66	x		80.25
10	43.50%	46.31%	39.55%	6,127.40	6,417.57	x		656.64
11	46.99%	52.35%	55.38%	3,938.00	4,084.90		x	218.35
12	43.85%	38.46%	43.42%	7,690.59	7,781.60	x		2,049.25
13	43.00%	43.20%	35.28%	2,798.81	2,745.18	x		201.92
14	42.95%	50.47%	39.47%	2,037.35	2,099.20	x		4.50
15	34.30%	35.35%	40.61%	2,471.50	2,398.45		x	390.00
16	35.20%	44.58%	29.35%	2,140.60	2,439.60	x		266.75
17	37.80%	27.67%	26.00%	2,018.00	1,449.22	x		153.80
Total	38.10%	37.64%	35.31%	\$75,865.35	\$69,207.49			\$12,903.38

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Edmonton, June 9, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

For the first time in twenty-six years this report is submitted by a new Chairman. After faithfully and well serving this committee as Chairman for twenty-five years, M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher last year expressed the desire to be relieved of that responsibility, though still continuing as a member. The Finance Committee felt that such devotion to duty should not be allowed to pass without some mark of appreciation. At the meeting of District No. 1 in Calgary, we had the pleasure of having the M. W. the Grand Master present the retiring Chairman with a beautiful mantel clock and an illuminated address, indicating our esteem and affection.

M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes was elected as Chairman and served until early December, when he was suddenly transferred to Winnipeg by his employers, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. While the transfer was a well merited promotion, yet the committee was very loath to part with such an efficient member of Grand Lodge who had so recently established a reputation for his successful year as Grand Master. He departed with our best wishes ringing in his ears.

The decision of the December meeting was that I should succeed to the chairmanship. In the short interlude I have endeavored to master the intricacies of balance sheets and all the various accounts of Grand Lodge. In the ensuing discussion I trust you will bear with me to any extent to which I may fall short.

Your Committee on Finance has met monthly and held several special meetings to give careful consideration to all expenditures and close attention to all the financial affairs of Grand Lodge. The several sections of the Constitution governing our conduct have been strictly adhered to. The books and accounts for the twelve months ending January 31st, 1936, have been audited regularly by your auditor, whose report has been presented to you.

Copies of the following Financial Statements are now in your hands and we submit them for your consideration:

Balance Sheet as at January 31, 1936.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for twelve months ending January 31, 1936 of the:

General Fund,
Relief Fund,
Capital Benevolent Fund.

Balance Sheet: The Balance Sheet continues to reflect a satisfactory position of the finances of Grand Lodge. Total assets as calculated amount to \$223,122.25, which is an increase for the year of \$4,078.20.

Assets: Cash assets amount to \$9,652.26.

Balances Due from Lodges: \$1,586.85. This item has shown an annual increase now for several years. It has not been the practice

of the Grand Lodge office to take into consideration returns for any year which had not been received up to the 31st of January, hence dues and fees received after that date are included in the following year's revenue and the lodges' accounts charged accordingly. At the close of the fiscal year there was actually outstanding the sum of \$3,243.25 and a statement of the same is appended hereto. To overcome this situation a recommendation will be made later. At the time of making this report the gross amount is somewhat below \$1,500.00. Half of this amount is made up by three lodges. A lodge owing \$342.64 is paying its current accounts and hopes to reduce the item as soon as possible. A lodge owing \$360.35 has been able to pay \$125.00 since the close of the fiscal year; but a lodge owing \$226.40 has not paid anything in eighteen months, nor does it seem to have given any satisfactory explanation. We recommend the matter be referred to a special committee for action. It would appear that in a few instances there is a growing disposition on the part of lodges to let Grand Lodge wait for its accounts and we regret to report that too frequently it is not because the lodges are without funds. It should always be borne in mind that when a brother pays his lodge dues, the lodge immediately becomes a trustee for the included amount of Grand Lodge per capita. There is no excuse for a lodge diverting this amount for other purposes.

Total receipts from lodges amounted to \$16,893.62, which is a reduction for the year of \$739.21. This item of income has been steadily dropping now for several years and is accounted for largely by the loss in membership.

Books, Stationery and Supplies—\$2,306.01: Many of the items in the inventory have been on hand for years as there is little demand for them. The committee this year ordered a more drastic writing off on the inventory than has previously prevailed, amounting to \$581.70 and recommend the continuance of this policy. Profit from the sale of supplies was \$272.45 and of regalia \$84.10.

Regalia: No new regalia was purchased this year.

Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures and Regalia was taken at the usual rates.

Investments—\$203,471.30: A list of your investment portfolio has been distributed to you. It represents \$185,540.05 in the Capital Benevolent Fund and \$17,931.25 in the Relief Fund Investment Account. During the year Dominion Government bonds \$5,000.00 par value, November 1st, 1959, 4½ per cent were purchased for \$5,487.50. An exchange was effected of \$18,000.00 January 1st, 1948, 5 per cent and \$5,000.00 October 1st, 1959, 5 per cent Province of Alberta bonds at a price of \$95.50 for a similar amount of Province of Alberta September 1st, 1955, 5 per cent at \$93.00. A release in cash was thus received and added to the Capital Benevolent Fund, although the par value of the bonds was unchanged. Thus we have a gross increase in investments of \$4,783.10. Our portfolio is distributed as follows:

	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Par Value</i>
Dominion of Canada . . .	\$ 33,580.25	\$ 33,200.00
Province of Alberta	115,923.05	121,000.00
City of Calgary	34,870.00	40,000.00
City of Edmonton	19,098.00	19,000.00
Totals	<u>\$203,471.30</u>	<u>\$213,200.00</u>

Owing to the very beclouded situation surrounding our Provincial and Municipal holdings for which there is little or no market, it is impossible to say what the fair market value is.

At the moment this report is being written, announcement has been made by the Provincial Treasurer that the interest on Provincial Securities will be cut in half, which will effect an annual loss to our Relief Fund of \$2,901.25. It is quite possible that the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton will follow a similar course.

The securities of Grand Lodge have been inspected quarterly by members of the Finance Committee. The Grand Master and Chairman of the Finance Committee have been regularly furnished with copies certified by the examining members. All bonds are registered as to principal and where possible to interest as well.

Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships—\$901.83: It should be pointed out that prior to 1930 no provision was made to amortize the per capita dues of life memberships which had been granted and as a consequence the amount shown only covers life memberships granted since that date. It should also be stated that life memberships granted for twenty-five years are credited direct to the Revenue Account, so that the reserve in reality only represents dues up to the twenty-five year period. There were at December 31st last 584 Life Members on the records of Grand Lodge, which was an increase of 70 over one year. The amount reserved is totally inadequate to cover the per capita dues as each Life Member is a potential liability of Grand Lodge. It is our belief that this matter will be before Grand Lodge under another report.

Reserve for Scottish Bi-centenary—\$400.00: A similar amount will be appropriated this year to provide representation at the Bi-centenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as ordered at the last communication of Grand Lodge.

Benevolent Capital Account—\$189,080.47: Since the annual levy for this fund was suspended, its increase has been small. Adjustments on interest of bonds exchanged and affiliation fees, plus a very fine donation from the Installed Masters' Association, account for the increase this year. This latter organization decided to cease operations and generously turned over their surplus to this fund.

Relief Fund Surplus Account—\$22,705.78: This is the fund from which the grants to beneficiaries are paid. It is composed of cash and Dominion of Canada bonds. The principal source of income to this fund is of course interest on our investments. Our present surplus, together with a reduced income is sufficient to carry our benevolence work for some time, without actually facing the necessity of an increase in the per capita. However, unless some unforeseen event occurs, it would appear that this latter course must be considered in the near future. The amount of \$1,200.00 as per resolution of Grand Lodge last year was charged against the fund to cover a due proportion of administration expenses.

Revenue Account—General Fund: We are pleased to note that there is an excess of income over expenditure of \$818.60. It must be borne in mind, however, that this was made possible by the transfer of \$1,200.00 from the Relief Fund on account of administration expense.

General Revenue was down over a year ago by \$51.51. Owing to a drop in membership, membership fees were less by \$542.80. Ini-

tiation fees are up \$96.00, indicating that the tide has turned with respect to new members. Other items are about the same.

Expenditures: The increase as shown in the gross expenditures for the year is largely accounted for by reason of the appropriation for the Scottish Bi-centenary.

It is quite clear that our position insofar as general revenue has not altered since one year ago, when notice of motion was given to effect a change in the distribution of the per capita, taking ten cents from the Relief Fund and adding it to the General Fund. Unless some such addition is made we are faced with a deficit. Looking to the future it is quickly discovered that our expenditures cannot become less.

Benevolent Fund Receipts and Disbursements: Cash received from bond transactions represents the release of capital resulting from the exchange of Capital Fund bonds, as reported elsewhere. Since the suspension of the annual levy for this fund has been in operation, additions to this fund have been rather meagre. Since the close of the books a Dominion Government \$500.00 3 per cent bond has been purchased. It would seem that until the present atmosphere surrounding interest rates and maturities is settled that we should continue our practice of the past five years of purchasing only bonds of the Dominion of Canada.

Relief Fund—Cash Receipts and Disbursements: The difference between the grants to beneficiaries shown in this account and that shown in the Relief Fund Surplus Account is made up of the amount of lodge contributions which were made through this fund rather than going direct. Benevolent grants were up by \$1,340.76 over last year. There is an indication that the annual grants will continue to grow as many of our members are now reaching the period of life of reduced earning power and failing health.

The contract for printing the Annual Proceedings was awarded the Albertan Job Press, Ltd., Calgary, who submitted the lowest tender

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend to Grand Lodge that hereafter the books of Grand Lodge be closed as at the last day of February, rather than the 31st of January in each year. Owing to the fact that many lodge returns with remittances are not sent in until after the regular meeting in January, which may occur near the end of the month, and are received at the Grand Secretary's office after the books have been closed, it would seem desirable to recommend this change.

We recommend that authority be continued for the purchase of new regalia for replacement of outworn sets.

We recommend to the Board of General Purposes to commend to Grand Lodge the policy of presenting to the newly installed Grand Master a set of regalia and that at the conclusion of his term of office he receive the jewel of a Past Grand Master. Our practice heretofore has been to present this regalia to the outgoing Grand Master on the installation of his successor. The Grand Master's regalia is in need of replacement. The suggested change would have the advantage of supplying the Grand Master each year with new regalia and which he would have the pleasure of retaining as a permanent memento of his term of office, with the addition of the sentimental value attached.

There has never been any official consideration of holidays for our Grand Secretary, with the result that for the most part he has not taken any. Your Committee on Finance feel that in the best interests of his health he should take one month's holiday this year, and in lieu of the fact that he has not taken a holiday in the past eight years, we recommend that a cheque in the sum of \$200.00 be presented to M. W. Bro. Kemmis.

The Committee on Research and Education spent \$108.96 of its appropriation since last June. They are asking for a grant of \$150.00 this year and we recommend that such amount be so appropriated.

An amount of \$41.20 of the appropriation for the Grand Lodge Reference Library was spent last year and we recommend that \$50.00 be again set aside for this purpose.

During the past year extra help has been used in the Grand Lodge office from time to time, as required. During certain parts of the year the detail work becomes very heavy and temporary help is needed. We recommend that an amount not exceeding \$500.00 be appropriated for securing necessary additional help as required.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed Auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 and his travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

We shall in all probability be faced with the expense this year of printing a new Constitution. Until it is in its final form it will be impossible to obtain tenders on the printing.

To provide for the large printing expense attached to a new Constitution and other legitimate expense of Grand Lodge, we recommend that the Finance Committee be empowered to borrow a sum not exceeding \$3,000.00 from the Relief Fund, as and when required.

In view of the change in the Constitution whereby the payment from the Relief Fund to the General Fund of 10c per capita was deleted, we recommend that the sum of \$600.00 be paid by the Relief Fund to the General Fund towards the expenses of operating the Grand Lodge office for the year 1936-37.

A letter from the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, inviting the Grand Lodge of Alberta to become members of the organization was referred to this committee. We recommend that no action be taken.

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

**FEES AND DUES FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1935
OWING BY LODGES AS AT JANUARY 31, 1936**

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
8.	Innisfail.....	\$ 36.00
9.	Perfection.....	218.20
16.	Mountain View.....	34.60
21.	King Hiram.....	47.20
24.	Vermilion.....	62.20
26.	Sentinel.....	36.60
27.	Apollo.....	66.00
41.	King Solomon.....	22.00
47.	Chinook.....	22.20
48.	Crossfield.....	39.40
50.	Comet.....	19.00
55.	Bassano.....	36.20
58.	Chief Mountain.....	31.20
60.	Acme.....	26.40
74.	Vulcan.....	60.00
76.	Fidelity.....	51.20
82.	Acadia.....	25.00
87.	Crescent.....	130.00
89.	Peace River.....	48.60
90.	Norwood.....	66.00
95.	Kitchener.....	20.00
101.	West Edmonton.....	63.80
102.	Edgerton.....	12.60
111.	Nobleford.....	16.60
118.	St. Mark's.....	66.00
126.	Pembina.....	21.00
127.	Granite.....	44.20
136.	Cresset.....	19.20
137.	Irricana.....	34.00
140.	Big Valley.....	29.20
141.	Efficiency.....	21.40
145.	St. Alban's.....	45.60
146.	Drumheller.....	38.40
147.	Northland.....	35.40
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	18.60
149.	Rosebud.....	13.00
153.	Whitcourt.....	21.80
155.	Earl Haig.....	45.20
159.	Lucerne.....	12.40
		\$1,656.40

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee have considered the matters which have been especially referred to it and beg to report as follows:

Case No. 14—Charges of unmasonic conduct, tried by Commission appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

The Commission found the accused not guilty of the first charge and on the second charge the Commission held that it did not constitute a Masonic offense, but peculiarly enough held that he had been guilty of indiscreet conduct meriting severe reprimand and this sentence has been carried out.

Your committee feels that this second charge is virtually a repetition of the first and the finding was tantamount to a verdict of not guilty. The committee recommends that in all future cases tried by lodge or Commission there should be a clear cut verdict of guilty or not guilty.

Case No. 15—Charge of unmasonic conduct, also tried by Commission. The accused was found guilty and recommended to be suspended indefinitely.

Having considered the evidence and no appeal having been entered, your committee concurs in the finding and sentence of the Commission.

Fraternally submitted,
G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes referred to us the following question: "Can a Master of a lodge categorically refuse Masonic burial to a Master Mason in good standing, who has requested same?"

Our opinion is "No," provided there is no impediment or just cause for refusal, it being clearly understood that this answer refers only to the rendering of the Masonic burial service, and not any financial obligation in regard to funerals.

Fraternally submitted,
J. MARTLAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report have carefully considered it and report as follows:

That we find that the duties of the Grand Secretary have increased considerably during the past year, and have been carried out with his usual efficiency. His courtesy and consideration in dealing with the many enquiries and problems with which he is continually confronted is worthy of special commendation.

We note a further decrease of 405 in the membership of the lodges in the jurisdiction. This is a slight improvement over the past two years and while such a considerable decrease is regrettable, it can be expected under prevailing economic conditions.

We fully concur in the remarks of the Grand Secretary in regard to the continued delays in forwarding the semi-annual Returns and the inaccurate compilation of these on the part of some of the lodges.

We note the comments regarding the present system of Life Memberships and recommend that this matter be given serious consideration by all lodges.

We are pleased to note the reported improvement in the more accurate preparation of Lodge Notices.

We concur in the comments regarding "rulings" and that all correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions should go through the "Grand Secretary's Office."

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
A. J. DAVIS,
R. WOOD,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. West (7), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION**

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education beg to submit herewith the annual report of their work, for the year now closing.

This committee, with the adoption of a motion to be submitted to Grand Lodge, will cease as a standing committee of the Board of General Purposes, and function as a committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

Your committee have for the past five years striven earnestly to be of real service to the lodges, and in this, their final report, wish to express their satisfaction on the growth of interest educationally throughout the whole Province; on the remarkable results achieved in many lodges and for the consistent co-operation of the succeeding Masters, Wardens and Educational Committees in all parts of this jurisdiction. A large number of our lodges are very much alive educationally and we hope that all have benefitted to some degree from our efforts.

During the past year interest has developed in Masonic Plays, and nearly one hundred of these have been sent out. The passing of our beloved King George V and the period of mourning proclaimed prevented the presentation of the plays during the winter season. Many of these will likely be presented this coming autumn and winter.

Six circular letters have been sent to the lodges and the D.D.G.M.'s this season, the last being the most important. It was the result of many months study and discussion. It accompanied a Lodge Plan of Education, bound in booklet form, three copies of which went to each lodge. Patterned on the plan developed by the Grand Lodge of New York, and already proven a success by two lodges in our own jurisdiction, this plan is designed to prevent any misunderstanding on the part of an applicant for Initiation as to the nature of Masonry, and to make intelligible to him, the symbolism of each degree after he has received it. We earnestly hope that every lodge in Alberta will adopt it in its entirety and receive the benefits that must accrue. In the opinion of your committee it is the best, perhaps the outstanding contribution we have made to the Craft in Alberta. We urge that each Master and Warden read the plan carefully and advise its adoption by their lodge. Each lodge Secretary has received three copies of the plan and more are available.

Because of the change in the personnel of this committee, if and when reconstituted, we have not presumed to offer an educational programme for the coming Masonic year and have it printed in the Proceedings, as we have done during the last five years. We feel sure, however, that our successors will develop a programme in time for the autumn and winter activities of the lodges.

Grand Lodge has for the past three years made available to this committee the sum of \$200.00, but as only a small portion of this amount has been used in any one year, we recommend that the sum of \$150.00 be allotted for this year.

We have reviewed the Report of the Grand Librarian which was referred to this committee by Grand Lodge. Each year valuable additions are made to the Grand Lodge Reference Library. We feel that the library is not serving the Craft throughout this jurisdiction as it might, if both individuals and lodges had more detailed knowledge of its contents, and if the brethren realized the library was for use by the whole Craft.

We suggest, that during the coming year a committee be appointed by the Grand Master to consider this matter and that it have power

to implement its decisions at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. We recommend the adoption of the report of the Grand Librarian.

We further recommend that Grand Lodge make available to the branch of the Grand Lodge Library in Edmonton the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of adding to its collection.

Your committee suffered the loss of one of its most valued members before it could hold even its first meeting this season. M. W. Bro. Selwood has served this Grand Lodge in many capacities, but in none more faithfully and wisely than as a member of this committee. His persistent faith in this work as worth while; his fine judgment and wise counsel were always appreciated and have been greatly missed this year. For five years he was a faithful member of this committee.

With the removal of M. W. Bro. Bowes to his larger sphere of work at Winnipeg, we lost another of our original members, who also for five years gave his time and the benefit of his wide experience to this work of Masonic Education. To him, and to the brethren who are now members of this committee, I wish to tender my sincerest thanks for their splendid help and comradeship during the past years. They have made this work, which but for them would have been a burden, a delightful opportunity for service to the whole Craft.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education,

H. R. CHAUNCEY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28), seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Edmonton, June 9, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The first task of the committee, revised after the regretted death of our Chairman, M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, was a complete survey of our relations and exchange of representatives with Grand Jurisdictions all over the world and the examination of a mass of papers accumulated during the long illness of our late brother.

It was found after a careful reading of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge since its inception in 1905, that the List of Grand Lodges and Representatives shown on pages 172 and 173 of our Proceedings of 1935 is accurate with the following exceptions:

1. No recognition of the Grand Lodge of Missouri is recorded. Your committee recommends that recognition be accorded and requested and an exchange of representatives arranged.

2. The following Grand Lodges while mutually extending fraternal recognition do not exchange representatives: California, Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Wyoming. The committee recommends that a notation to this effect appear in the printed lists.
3. The following Grand Jurisdictions have been recognized by our Grand Lodge, but do not appear in the printed list:

The Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina.....	1910
The Independent Grand Lodge of France and Colonies.....	1932
The National Grand Lodge of Czecho- slovakia.....	1931

In our Proceedings of 1930 we find a notation that the following Grand Bodies have been "accredited," which term has been interpreted to mean that lodges in Alberta may receive as visitors, members of lodges which are bona fide members of these "accredited" Jurisdictions, Denmark, Finland, Rumania and Vienna.

In Denmark there are apparently two rival Grand Jurisdictions at work and it is not clear from the Proceedings of 1930 which is "accredited."

The National Grand Lodge of Denmark is the senior and regular body and presumably that to which the term "accredited" was intended to apply. The "Grand Lodge of Denmark" is a much more recent organization, sponsored, we are informed on the best authority, by the Grand Orient of France, itself unrecognized by most Grand Jurisdictions.

Your committee now recommends that this Body be neither recognized nor accredited.

In Rumania a federation of the National Grand Lodge of Rumania and the Grand Orient of Rumania has taken place. We accredited the Grand Orient of Rumania in 1930 and your committee recommends that recognition be now extended to the new federation.

Among the pile of documents turned over to your committee we find numerous circulars and papers relative to the following Grand Jurisdictions:

The Grand Lodge of Panama.
 The National Grand Lodge of Italy.
 The National Grand Lodge of Egypt.
 The Grand Lodge of Guatamala.
 The Grand Lodge of San Domingo.
 The Grand Lodge of Amazonas e Acre (Brazil).
 The Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico.
 The Grand Lodge of Ecuador.
 The Grand Lodge of Rio de Janiero.
 The Grand Lodge of Peru.
 The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.
 The Grand Lodge of Para (Brazil).
 The Grand Lodge of the Republic of Colombia.
 The Grand Lodge of Argentina.
 The Grand Lodge of Paraguay.
 The Grand Lodge of Ceara (Brazil).
 The Grand Lodge of Bahia (Brazil).

The Grand Lodge of Parahyba (Brazil).
The Grand Lodge of Spain.
The Grand Orient d'Italia (London, England).
The Lodge National of Colombia (Cartagena).
The Grand Lodge of Germany in exile (Palestine).
The Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sue (Brazil).

Most of the correspondence was in Spanish and French, necessitating translation and for valuable help with the Spanish papers your committee is grateful to Bro. George Thorne of Commercial Lodge, No. 81, Edmonton.

Your committee is quite sympathetic to many of the requests for recognition, but unfortunately where direct requests are made, the information supplied is insufficient to permit of a reasoned decision being made.

Grand Secretaries are respectfully referred to the extract from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 1930, appearing as an appendix to this report, and setting forth in detail our Requirements for Recognition and these brethren are assured that applications for recognition stating in detail whether or not their respective Jurisdictions can comply with the several points of our requirements, will receive full and sympathetic consideration.

In the meantime your committee recommends that consideration of recognition of the Grand Jurisdictions appearing in the foregoing list be deferred pending receipt of such formal applications.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions is submitted with this report and your committee recommends that it be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Faternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts (58), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of that Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.

2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodges while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (d) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BURIAL SERVICE

Edmonton, June 10, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Revision of the Burial Service beg to recommend that the form of burial service attached to this report be accepted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta and authorized for use throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. OTTEWELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Parker (9), "That the report of the Special Committee on the Revision of the Burial Service be received and adopted."

In a few well chosen words the Grand Master expressed the appreciation of Grand Lodge for the services rendered by W. Bro. W. S. Kent (117), in acting as Grand Organist and for the music supplied during this session of Grand Lodge.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Central Masonic Temple, attended by more than 450 members. The banquet itself was excellent and well served, while the after dinner programme of music and speeches made an exceptionally pleasant interlude in the heavy agenda in which Grand Lodge was engaged.

The Grand Master spoke briefly and to the point in reply to a well prepared and delivered speech proposing the Toast to Grand Lodge by a young Master Mason, Bro. Ronald Martland, son of Past Grand Master John Martland.

M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, K.C., M.P., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, responded eloquently to the Toast to Sister Jurisdictions, in which he said, "Masonry influences the individual and not the masses. It has always been a fighting force for the liberty of the individual. The influence of Masonry and the Church have the same objective—the uplifting of character. Masonry, by turning one's mind towards the study of the serious side of life, paves the way for the work of the Church. Masonry is a brotherhood and a man joins that brotherhood to lift his fellow man to something higher and better in life. We should make sacrifices to help the other fellow along the rugged pathway of life. If we do that we are doing something to make us worthy of that heritage that has come down to us from the Masonry of the past."

Bro. Rev. Geo. A. Macdonald, D.D., made a valuable contribution by his address on the building of the first Temple and its application to modern Masonry, which made a deep impression on the brethren.

The instrumental music and singing was exceptionally fine. The artists contributing to the enjoyment of the evening were: Bros. W. J. Hendra, E. M. Gunderson, Herbert Wild and Mrs. Robt. Cockburn, and the selections rendered were very warmly applauded by the audience.

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE FORMS

Edmonton, June 9, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

This committee, appointed by the Grand Master in accordance with the recommendation made at the last communication of Grand Lodge, has examined the forms authorized by Grand Lodge for various purposes, and would recommend that certain of these be amended as to wording or set up. A list of those forms with amendments is included herewith and we recommend that when the present stock of these forms is exhausted they be replaced with new ones as amended.

We recommend that all forms used by lodges be numbered from 100 up, and where possible the size should be reduced.

We recommend, after examination of certificates issued to Grand Officers, including the Life Member's certificates as supplied to lodges, that these be redesigned and printed in a more artistic and compact form. The Life Member's certificate is printed from a plate which should be discarded and a more appropriate one prepared for the purpose.

Grand Representative's Commissions should also have a better appearance, but with the wording unchanged. This certificate is one that goes out to all Jurisdictions with whom we exchange representatives and should therefore convey an impression in keeping with the honor and dignity of the office.

The D.D.G.M. Commission is approved as at present, with a slight change to conform to the Constitution. The committee would, however, point out that there is no certificate authorized or issued to outgoing D.D.G.M.'s on confirmation of their past rank and recommend that Grand Lodge favorably consider the preparation and issue of a suitable one.

Past Master's certificates are much too large. They should be reduced in size and have a better setting and we so recommend.

Master Mason's certificates are lithographed and have to be ordered each year, the Grand Master's name being changed as required. This certificate should remain as it is.

With the approval of the Finance Committee our cheque forms are to be changed so that all signatures of the signing officers appear on one side only.

With regard to the forms used by lodges, the following amendments and changes are recommended:

Notice—Delinquent Dues: Amended by the word "Final" to precede the word "Notice" in the heading, and the words "you will" deleted in the first line.

Notice of Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues: Insert the words (or Brothers) after the word "Brother," and give three lines of space for insertion of names. It has been found that some Secretaries use a separate form for each suspended brother. This is unnecessary as several names can be placed on one form.

Petition for Affiliation: This form to be cancelled and the form as used by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, a copy of which is attached hereto, be adopted.

Petition for Initiation: The text of the printing on the back should be transferred to the front, at the bottom of the form, as it does not appear necessary for filing purposes.

Questionnaire: This form was carefully considered and on comparison with the form of "Report of the Committee on Petition for Membership" and with "Petition for Initiation," it was found that many of the questions are duplicated. It has also come to the knowledge of the members of the committee that this form is often mailed to the candidate and not infrequently is shown to those who are not Masons, instead of being used by the members of the Committee on Investigation when interviewing the applicant. Furthermore, some of the questions can hardly be answered by the applicant: e.g., No. 13 while others are not necessary—Nos. 9 and 10.

We recommend that the Questionnaire be eliminated.

Reference of Petition for Affiliation: Should be redrafted as to the report of the committee at the bottom of the form. Following questions should be inserted at the beginning, to be answered in full:

1. What time has elapsed since he was last a member of a lodge?
2. Has his conduct in the interim been investigated? Worthy? or Unworthy?
3. Has he ever received financial assistance from Freemasonry?
4. If so, was the amount repaid?
5. Was he an interested and helpful member of his last lodge?
6. Are his circumstances such that he can be reasonably certain of meeting his responsibilities to his family and to Freemasonry?

These questions to be followed by the declaration as on the present form.

Receipt for Work: In the third paragraph, delete all the words after "agree" in the first line, down to and including the word "and" in the third line.

Statement of Work Done by Lodges (As submitted to D.D.G.M.'s): The words "and Bonds" should be inserted after "Cash on hand." The question—"Can W. M. confer degrees?" should be deleted, as Secretaries cannot certify as to this.

The Statistical Return, which is now part of the form for the D.D.G.M.'s Report to Grand Lodge, to facilitate typing should be on a separate sheet and we so recommend.

With regard to the new forms recently authorized to be used by D.D.G.M.'s for inspection of lodges, your committee considered these together with the above mentioned "Statement of Work" and the form of Statistical Report which is submitted to Grand Lodge by D.D.G.M.'s, and it would appear that the information requested on the Statement of Work, from which the D.D.G.M. compiles his Statistical Report to Grand Lodge, is duplicated in many cases in the new form for inspection. It is therefore recommended that the following numbered questions on the latter form be deleted: Nos. 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13 (b), 14 (b) (c), 15 (b) (c) (d) (e) (g), 19 (j), 20 (a) (b) (c) (g) (h) (i), 21 and 22. The following to be substituted for No. 5 deleted: "Were all officers in their stations and capable of performing their duties?"

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

V. H. MACAULAY,

WM. IRELAND,

GEO. MOORE,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the report of the Special Committee on Grand Lodge Forms be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LODGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Edmonton, June 11, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We beg to submit the following form* for use by lodges in preparing their Financial Statement for the fiscal year and would recommend that the same be approved by Grand Lodge, three copies to be furnished each lodge annually, and as soon as completed by the lodge one copy to be sent to the D.D.G.M., one to the Grand Secretary's office and the other retained on the lodge files.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,

WM. IRELAND,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro A. West (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the report of the Special Committee on Lodge Financial Statement be received and adopted."

(*) Sample of this form shown on pages 136-137.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		193	LIABILITIES	
Cash on hand	-	\$	Membership Dues, in advance	\$
Balance in bank of	-		Initiation Fees in advance	
Members Dues outstanding	-			
Rentals due	-		Notes Payable	-
Sundries	-		Accounts Payable	-
*Investments, Bonds, etc.	-		Sundries:	-
Real Estate:				
Lot No.		} Cost		
Block No.				
Building (Cost)	-	\$		
Less Depreciation	-			
Furniture and Fixtures	-	\$		
Less Depreciation	-			
Unexpired Insurance, etc.	-		Total Liabilities	- \$
			Net Worth:	
			(Difference between total Assets and	
			total Liabilities)	-
Benevolent Fund:		\$		
Cash	-	\$		
*Bonds, etc.	-			
Total Assets	-	\$	Total Liabilities and Net Worth	- \$

(*) Give particulars on back of sheet.

(SEAL).....

Master

Treasurer

Secretary

We hereby certify that to the best of our ability we have examined the books and accounts, bonds and investments of this lodge and find that the above statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of this lodge, according to the information given us and as shown by the books of the lodge.

Auditors.

(Copy to be sent to D.D.G.M. and to the Grand Secretary as soon as completed.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, June 11, 1936.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We wish to unite with the Grand Master in referring to the great loss to the Empire owing to the death of our beloved Sovereign King George V.

His reference to the memory of those distinguished brethren who have gone before has been presented in such a devoted manner that it would seem almost sacrilegious to comment further.

We join with our Grand Master in extending a very warm and fraternal welcome to our distinguished brother, M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, K.C., M.P., the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

We are pleased to notice the attendance made by the M. W. the Grand Master, the two Custodians of the Work and R. W. Bro. W. Ireland, President of the Board of Benevolence, at the various District Meetings and it is very gratifying to hear about the splendid work that is being accomplished throughout the various districts.

We note with pleasure and approval the visits made by the M. W. the Grand Master to so many of the constituent lodges within the jurisdiction, as we feel certain such visits are productive of the best in Masonry. The M. W. the Grand Master is to be congratulated, also, upon his extensive visit to the Peace River country when he visited all the eight lodges in District No. 13.

We regret to learn of the disbanding of the Installed Masters' Association of Alberta. We trust that their efforts will not have been in vain, but that, due to the kindly and thoughtful presentation of their Library, Addresses, Lectures, Papers and other Masonic literature to the Edmonton Branch of the Grand Lodge Library, their good work will be continued and augmented through this source and that of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Your committee approves of the decisions and rulings made by the M. W. the Grand Master.

We observe, with satisfaction, that the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed the various committees to deal with the matters recommended by his predecessor, viz., consideration of our present forms, special financial report form for the use of lodges, revision of the Burial Service and a basis on which Life Memberships might be granted.

It is unfortunate that Excelsior Lodge and Patricia Lodge should have suffered a loss by fire. Fortunately they were covered by insurance, but that in itself does not always take care of the intrinsic value. We think some precautionary measures might easily be adopted to prevent these losses by having a proper inspection of premises made, and recommendations, often simple and trivial, carried out. Provision might also be made for the safe keeping of irreplaceable things by means of a safe or small fireproof vault.

We heartily concur in the recommendation that the publication of the Masonic Bulletin be continued, and we think that those respon-

sible for the issues so far are to be highly complimented for their efforts and the nature of the material presented.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock requested permission to address Grand Lodge with reference to the matter referred to in the Report of the Board of General Purposes regarding W. Bro. James Reid of Bow Island Lodge. He stated that Bro. Reid had made due and ample apology to him for his discourteous and unmasonic conduct at Havre, Montana, in 1932, and that in view of this he moved the following motion, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Betts (58): "That W. Bro. James Reid, P.M. of Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, be restored to all the rights and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry." The motion on being put was "Carried."

MOTIONS

V. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman (14), requested that in view of the change made in the revised Constitution, that he be permitted to withdraw the notice of motion relating to Section 167, which was agreed to by Grand Lodge.

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Hilton (92), "That the application of the levy of the fifty cents per capita payable to the Capital Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge be suspended for the Masonic year ending December 31st, 1936."

The motion on being put was "Carried."

The notice of motion standing in the name of R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), having been dealt with at the Especial Grand Lodge with regard to Section 133 of the Constitution, was withdrawn.

Provision having been made in the revised Constitution for the Committee on Masonic Research and Education becoming a committee appointed by the Grand Master, the notice of motion given by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), was accordingly withdrawn.

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by W. Bro. E. O. Lysne (135), seconded by V. W. Bro. R. F. Barnes (30), "That Section 186 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words, 'who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge and' and that a new Section be added to the Constitution between Sections 197 and 198, as follows: 'If the committee find that a petitioner possesses all other qualifications but is maimed as a result of war service, it shall make a report to that effect. The lodge shall then determine by open vote whether a ballot shall be taken. The decision must be unanimous. In the event of an unfavorable decision the Master shall order the petition to be returned. If the ballot is favorable the lodge may confer the degrees.'"

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), seconded by W. Bro. E. E. Voss (63), "That reference to war disability be deleted."

After due discussion and a vote being taken, the Grand Master declared both the amendment and the motion "Lost."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142), "That this Grand Lodge accept with thanks the beautiful ballot box made by Bro. G. W. Clark of Perfection Lodge, No. 9, and donated to Grand Lodge."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn (81), "That sufficient funds be appropriated to continue publication of the Bulletin."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), "That the thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded the Edmonton brethren for their hospitality."

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge and their appreciation be accorded to the Management of the Central Masonic Temple for their co-operation."

PLACE OF MEETING

The Grand Master declared that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge would be held in the City of Calgary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers on the election of Grand Officers: M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts, R. W. Bro. T. G. Govenlock, R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, R. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs, V. W. Bro. F. Grandage, V. W. Bro. W. J. Haynes and W. Bro. R. M. McCool.

On the election of members to the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers: M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, R. W. Bro. R. Cockburn, R. W. Bro. John Hening, R. W. Bro. F. W. Burton, W. Bro. A. Rutherford, W. Bro. Blair Paterson and W. Bro. Wm. Coote.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 331 members and 16 Master Masons present at this communication, carrying a total voting strength of 558, consisting of 64 W.M.'s with 160 votes; 29 S.W.'s with 48 votes; 21 J.W.'s with 29 votes; 219 Past Masters with 219 votes and 34 proxies with 102 votes.

123 Chartered lodges are represented.

33 Chartered lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River	3	..	..	2	..	5
2. Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
3. Alberta.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
4. North Star.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
5. Cascade.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
6. Spitzie.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
7. Edmonton.....	1	1	1	9	..	12
8. Innisfail.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
9. Perfection.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
10. Eureka.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
11. Acacia.....	1	1	1	8	..	11
12. Red Deer.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
13. Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper.....	1	1	1	12	..	15
15. Wetaskiwin.....	2	1	..	5	..	8
16. Mountain View...	3	..	..	2	..	5
17. Nanton.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
18. Britannia.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
19. Cornerstone.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
20. Carstairs.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
21. King Hiram.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
22. Corinthian.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
23. Calgary.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
24. Vermilion.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
25. St. John's.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
26. Sentinel.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
27. Apollo.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
28. Ashlar.....	..	2	1	3	..	6
29. Kenilworth.....	..	3	..	4	..	7
30. Summit.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
31. Doric.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
32. Cairo.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
33. Stavely.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
34. Star of the West..	..	..	..	4	3	7
35. Mizpah.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
36. Gleichen.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
37. Camrose.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
38. Hope.....	..	2	1	2	..	5
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
41. King Solomon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
42. Bowden.....	..	2	1	..	..	3
43. Tuscan.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
44. Buffalo Park ..	..	..	..	1	3	4
45. Ionic.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
46. Palestine.....	..	3	..	3	..	6
47. Chinook.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
48. Crossfield.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
49. Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
51. Unity.....	1	1	1	9	..	12
53. Strathmore.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
54. Mount Lebanon...	..	3	..	..	..	3
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
56. Beaver.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..

		W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
58.	Chief Mountain...	..	..	..	1	3	4
59.	King George.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
60.	Acme.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
61.	Provost.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
62.	Coal.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
63.	Empire.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
64.	Bow Island.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
65.	Diamond City....	3	..	..	1	..	4
66.	St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
67.	Charity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
68.	Edson.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
69.	Connaught.....	1	1	1	4	..	7
70.	Quarry.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
71.	Tawatinaw.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
72.	Coronation.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
73.	Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
74.	Vulcan.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
75.	Harmony.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
76.	Fidelity.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
77.	Strathcona.....	1	1	1	4	..	7
78.	Hanna.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
79.	Morning Star....	..	..	..	1	..	1
80.	Excelsior.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
81.	Commercial.....	2	1	..	6	..	9
82.	Acadia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
83.	Zetland.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
84.	Champion.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
86.	Rocky Mountain..	..	..	..	1	3	4
87.	Crescent.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
88.	Wahpun.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
89.	Peace River....	..	..	..	..	..	..
90.	Norwood.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
91.	Patricia.....	1	1	1	3	..	6
92.	Saskatchewan....	2	..	1	6	..	9
93.	Symbol.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
94.	Lamont.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
95.	Kitchener.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
96.	Dynamic.....	..	..	..	6	3	9
97.	Albion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
98.	Hand Hill.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
100.	Verdigris.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
101.	West Edmonton...	3	..	..	2	..	5
102.	Edgerton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
103.	Foremost.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
104.	Oyen.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
105.	Grande Prairie...	3	..	..	1	..	4
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	..	..	..	..	..	..
107.	Carbon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
108.	Pyramid.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
109.	Ancient Landmark.	3	..	..	..	..	3
110.	Kilwinning.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
111.	Nobleford.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
112.	Victory.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
113.	Cyprus.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
114.	Westlock.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
115.	Crocus.....	..	..	..	..	..	..

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
116. Spirit River..	..	..	..	..	3	3
117. Dominion.....	1	1	1	6	..	9
118. St. Mark's.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
119. York.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
120. Monitor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
122. Rising Sun.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
123. Rockyford.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
124. Concord.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
125. Cavell.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
126. Pembina.....	1	1	1	3	..	6
127. Granite.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
128. Forestburg.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
129. Meridian.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
130. Hussar.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
131. Kitscoty.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
132. Craigmyle.....	2	..	1	1	..	4
133. Manyberries.....	..	..	..	..	3	3
134. Renfrew.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
135. Alliance.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
136. Cresset.....	..	..	3	..	..	3
137. Irricana.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
138. Onoway.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
139. Melrose.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
140. Big Valley.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
141. Efficiency.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
142. Ivanhoe.....	2	1	..	4	..	7
143. Jasper Park.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
144. Gratton.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
145. St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
146. Drumheller.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
147. Northland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
148. Mayerthorpe.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
149. Rosebud.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
150. Donalda.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
151. Lochearn.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
152. Standard.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
153. Whitecourt.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
154. Waskatenau.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
155. Earl Haig.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
156. Hythe.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
157. Sharon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
158. Berry Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
159. Lucerne.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
160. Sexsmith.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
	160	48	29	219	102	558

Fraternally submitted,
SAM HARRIS,

Acting Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who

had been elected at their District Meetings and whose election was confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS, 1936

M. W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59)	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Clare C. Hartman (16)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Archibald West (7)	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Snaddon (83)	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134)	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. John Raper (76)	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. R. M. McCool (48)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Hyland (64)	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell (12)	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Jas. Hamilton (80)	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Millar (40)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Ross (6)	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. H. M. Scott (140)	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. D. J. Dickson (110)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. G. McQueen (74)	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour (91)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. A. F. Clark (156)	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. W. J. Winning (158)	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Smith (60)	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. J. W. Harrison (93)	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. B. W. Richardson (69)	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Geo. B. McLeod (142)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Fred Parker (9)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51)	Edmonton
V. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)	Edmonton

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary

And for one year:

R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124)	Calgary
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre (92)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. H. C. Liesmer (21)	Grand Organist

V. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1)	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. J. K. Brennen (27)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Wm. E. Ward (5)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. D. J. Downey (22)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. R. D. McNay (3)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. A. G. Bond (78)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. R. G. Whitmore (54)	Grand Steward

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3:15 o'clock p.m.

The penalties of the Canadian Rite Work were given by the Grand Master, as used by the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and the Grand Lodges of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, in the presence of M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, assisted by M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The Installing Officer when robing the Grand Master remarked that a new departure was made this year in that the incoming Grand Master was receiving the apron and collar which he would wear during his term of office and which he would have the pleasure of retaining as a permanent memento.

PRESENTATION

In view of the life long friendship which had existed between the late M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood and the Immediate Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, and at his special request, the Past Grand Master's regalia of M. W. Bro. Selwood was presented to him by M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, on behalf of Grand Lodge, and M. W. Bro. Downey suitably expressed his appreciation of the gift.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-first Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 4:45 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



J. H. S. Kinnear

Grand Secretary.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1936

M.W. Bro. Dr. V. Harold Macaulay (59).....Grand Master
3201 Sixth Street West, Calgary

R.W. Bro. Dr. Clare C. Hartman (16), Olds.....Deputy Grand Master

R.W. Bro. R. M. McCool (48), Crossfield.....D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Hyland (64), Bow Island.....D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.

R.W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143), Jasper.....D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.

R.W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell (12).....D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
 Box 388, Red Deer.

R.W. Bro. Jas. Hamilton (80), Strome.....D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Millar (40), Box 224, Granum.....D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.

R.W. Bro. John A. Livingstone (4).....D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
 619 - 12th St. S., Lethbridge

R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Ross (6), Pincher Creek.....D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Harry M. Scott (140), Rumsey.....D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.

R.W. Bro. D. J. Dickson (110), Innisfree.....D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Gilbert McQueen (74), Vulcan.....D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour (91).....D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
 9862 - 89th Ave., Edmonton

R.W. Bro. A. F. Clark (156), Hythe.....D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Winning (158), Cessford.....D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.

R.W. Bro. James C. Smith (60), Box 171, Acme.....D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.

R.W. Bro. Jas. W. Harrison (93).....D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
 Box 651, Drumheller

R.W. Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson (69).....D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
 Box 114, Viking

R.W. Bro. Archibald West (7).....Senior Grand Warden
 Campus 5, University of Alberta, Edmonton

R.W. Bro. George Moore (23).....Junior Grand Warden
 3206 Vercheres St., Calgary

R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Snaddon (83).....Grand Treasurer
 Renfrew Building, Calgary

M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary.

R.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134).....Grand Registrar
 524 Rideau Road, Calgary.

R.W. Bro. Dr. John Raper (76), Bashaw.....Grand Chaplain

V.W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre (92).....Senior Grand Deacon
 308 Birks Bldg., Edmonton.

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24), Vermilion.....Junior Grand Deacon

V.W. Bro. Dr. H. C. Liesmer (21), Didsbury.....Grand Organist

V.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), Red Deer.. Grand Director of Ceremonies

V.W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1).....Grand Pursuivant
 1717 - 28th Avenue West, Calgary.

V.W. Bro. J. K. Brennen (27), Stettler.....Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. Wm. E. Ward (5), Box 70, Banff.....Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. D. J. Downey (22), Okotoks.....Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. R. D. McNay (3), Macleod.....Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. A. G. Bond (78), Hanna.....Grand Steward

V.W. Bro. Robt. G. Whitmore (54).....Grand Steward
 313 - 18th Avenue West, Calgary.

R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Mulga.....Grand Tyler

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

M.W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59), Grand Master.....	Calgary
President.....	R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), Calgary
Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary
R.W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), Deputy Grand Master.....	Olds
R.W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon (83), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124).....	Calgary
V.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124).....	Calgary
*M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35).....	Medicine Hat
* W. Bro. A. W. Trickey (28).....	Calgary
(*)—Appointed by Grand Master.	

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R.W. Bro. C. C. Hartman
Vice-President.....	R.W. Bro. A. West
Secretary.....	M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. V. Harold Macaulay (59), Grand Master.....	Calgary
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Past Grand Masters

M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Dr. R. S. Thornton.....	Deloraine, Man.
M.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1).....	Salisbury, Eng.
M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3).....	Macleod
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (4).....	Lethbridge
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37).....	London, Ont.
M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. T. F. English (23).....	Calgary
M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Canon S. H. Middleton (58).....	Cardston
M.W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Snedden (91).....	Ponoka

M.W. Bro. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby (83)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)	Medicine Hat
M.W. Bro. John Martland (63)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83)	Winnipeg, Man.
M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16), Deputy Grand Master	Olds
R.W. Bro. A. West (7), Senior Grand Warden	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. George Moore (23), Junior Grand Warden	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Snaddon (83), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), Grand Registrar	Calgary

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Lt. Col. Geo. B. McLeod (142)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Fred Parker (9)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51)	Edmonton
V.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)	Edmonton
*R.W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7)	Edmonton
*R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28)	Calgary
*R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)	Calgary
*R.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
*R.W. Bro. W. J. Kirby (151)	Rocky Mountain House
*R.W. Bro. A. C. Moore (56)	Castor
*R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54)	Calgary
*V.W. Bro. K. J. Morrison (59)	Calgary

(*)—Term expires with Annual Communication, June, 1937.

APPOINTED BY GRAND MASTER

Effective January 1, 1937

R.W. Bro. D. H. Campbell (98)	Delia
W. Bro. Ronald Wood (83)	Calgary
W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28)	Calgary
W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)	Calgary

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**Standing Committees**

Jurisprudence: M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), *Chairman*, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals

M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)

Chairman

M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4)
 M.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91)
 M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)
 R.W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell (12)
 R.W. Bro. G. McQueen (74)
 R.W. Bro. A. F. Clark (156)
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Winning (158)
 R.W. Bro. J. C. Smith (60)
 R.W. Bro. G. B. McLeod (142)
 R.W. Bro. H. R. Chauncey (28)

Foreign Relations and Correspondence

M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)

Chairman

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7)
 M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)
 M.W. Bro. S. H. Middleton (58)
 M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77)
 R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23)
 R.W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143)
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 R.W. Bro. H. M. Scott (140)
 R.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)
 R.W. Bro. Fred Parker (9)
 R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Kirby (151)
 R.W. Bro. D. H. Campbell (98)

Charters and New Lodges

R.W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23)

Chairman

M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9)
 M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14)
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 R.W. Bro. A. C. Moore (56)

Condition of Masonry

R.W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16)

Chairman

M.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3)
 M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)
 M.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)
 M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26)
 M.W. Bro. J. Martland (63)
 R.W. Bro. A. West (7)
 R.W. Bro. Jas. Hamilton (80)
 R.W. Bro. W. A. Ross (6)
 R.W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour (91)
 W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)
 W. Bro. Ronald Wood (83)

Finance

R.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134)

Chairman

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Credentials and Reception

R.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)

Chairman

M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9)
 R.W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)
 R.W. Bro. R. M. McCool (48)
 And the other D.D.G.M.'s of the Masonic Districts.



In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES



"That they may rest from their labours."



Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arizona.....	Miller, Edwin Seymour, P.G.M.....	Apr. 29, 1936
Colorado.....	Cooper, William Wiseman, G.S.....	Nov. 16, 1935
Connecticut.....	Kies, George A., P.G.M.....	Feb. 5, 1936
Delaware.....	Walls, Edward G., P.G.M.....	Apr. 22, 1936
Delaware.....	Mode, Edward B., P.G.M.....	Apr. 26, 1936
Florida.....	Haskell, Elmer E., P.G.M.....	Feb. 19, 1936
Illinois.....	Goddard, Leroy Albert, P.G.M.....	Jan. 22, 1936
Indiana.....	Phillips, Robert Woodson, P.G.M.....	Apr. 7, 1936
Indiana.....	Dinwiddie, John Lee, P.G.M.....	May 11, 1936
Iowa.....	Block, Louis, P.G.M.....	June 3, 1935
Iowa.....	Moses, Frank Seward, P.G.M.....	Sept. 20, 1935
Kentucky.....	Hardwick, Frederick William, P.G.M., G.S.....	July 8, 1935
Maine.....	Chaplin, Hugh R., P.G.M.....	Sept. 22, 1935
Michigan.....	Turrell, Fletcher E., P.G.M.....	July 2, 1935
Minnesota.....	Kendrick, William N., P.G.M.....	Jan. 21, 1936
Minnesota.....	Elliott, William Andrew, G.M.....	May 6, 1936
Mississippi.....	Riley, George Dumah, P.G.M.....	June 18, 1935
Nevada.....	Fulstone, Charles L., P.G.M.....	Nov. 16, 1935
Ohio.....	Minor, Charles L., P.G.M.....	Feb. 18, 1936
Oklahoma.....	Stuart, William Edward, P.G.M., G.T.....	May 10, 1935
Oregon.....	Davis, Andy Paul, D.D.G.M.....	Feb. 28, 1936
Puerto Rico.....	Sevilla, Alfredo Arnaldo, P.D.D.G.M.	Feb. 13, 1936
South Carolina.....	Bryan, George Twiggs, P.G.M.....	Sept. 10, 1935
South Dakota.....	Burr, Walter Bissell, P.G.M.....	Apr. 16, 1936
West Virginia.....	Spears, Samuel Tilden, P.G.M.....	Jan. 25, 1936
West Virginia.....	Dutton, Clyde Tennyson, P.G.M.....	Feb. 21, 1936
Wisconsin.....	Dittmar, Harry C., P.S.G.W.....	June 21, 1935

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"Of all the thoughts of God that are
Borne inward unto souls afar,
Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if that any is,
For gift of grace surpassing this—
'He giveth His beloved sleep'?"*

Memorial Page

To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River	Rosewell, Walter S.	Mar. 21, 1935
1.	Bow River	Hope, Donald	Apr. 1, 1935
1.	Bow River	McConnell, William Henry	July 5, 1935
1.	Bow River	Cheyne, William Craig	Aug. 8, 1935
2.	Medicine Hat	McDonald, Harry Thomas	May 12, 1935
2.	Medicine Hat	Crawford, William	July 11, 1935
2.	Medicine Hat	Millican, James Randolph	Nov. 16, 1935
3.	Alberta	Grier, Roy Vivian	Feb. 10, 1935
3.	Alberta	McFarquhar, George	May 5, 1935
4.	North Star	Hoyt, Berton Beecher	Feb. 14, 1935
4.	North Star	McClenaghan, Charles	Mar. 29, 1935
4.	North Star	McNally, Alfred	Apr. 1, 1935
4.	North Star	McGuire, Alfred Roland	Oct. 27, 1935
4.	North Star	Watkin, John William	Nov. 6, 1935
5.	Cascade	Evans, Harry Wesley	Aug. 21, 1934
5.	Cascade	Lyall, James	June 8, 1935
5.	Cascade	Rae, David	Sept. 21, 1935
7.	Edmonton	Secord, Richard	Jan. 12, 1935
7.	Edmonton	Yeo, James	Mar. 17, 1935
7.	Edmonton	MacKenzie, Duncan Stewart	Apr. 26, 1935
7.	Edmonton	Hinds, Josiah William	Dec. 17, 1935
9.	Perfection	Fossum, Olaf T.	Feb. 25, 1935
9.	Perfection	McLeod, Archibald A.	Feb. 27, 1935
9.	Perfection	Pinel, Phillip	Mar. 13, 1935
9.	Perfection	Paterson, James Hall	Apr. 13, 1935
9.	Perfection	McMillan, John	June 24, 1935
10.	Eureka	Crooker, John Burton	July 27, 1935
11.	Acacia	Duncan, Hugh	June 28, 1935
11.	Acacia	Black, Anson	Dec. 10, 1935
11.	Acacia	Hopkins, Robert	Dec. 3, 1935
11.	Acacia	Stewart, Donald Gavin	Aug. 22, 1935
12.	Red Deer	Krause, Frederick Wm.	Aug. 9, 1935
12.	Red Deer	Cole, James	Sept. 27, 1935
12.	Red Deer	Mills, Earl J.	Oct. 2, 1935

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
13.	Victoria	Hughes, Charles Edward	Feb. 1935
13.	Victoria	Jones, Stephen Orville	Nov. 15, 1935
14.	Jasper	Horne, George	Mar. 8, 1935
14.	Jasper	Mackett, Frank Herbert	Nov. 19, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin	Anderson, Olaf Hennan	Oct. 31, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin	Cheddy, Frank Clifford	Nov. 25, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin	Wilson, Fred L.	July 13, 1935
16.	Mountain View	Welsh, George Henry	Apr. 9, 1935
17.	Nanton	Campbell, Angus	Mar. 8, 1935
17.	Nanton	Lovins, Robt. Edward	Feb. 12, 1935
17.	Nanton	McIlroy, Peter	Mar. 28, 1935
18.	Britannia	O'Brien, Joseph Wesley	June 5, 1935
19.	Cornerstone	McMillan, Donald	June 24, 1935
19.	Cornerstone	Wallace, Richard Alfred	Mar. 12, 1935
20.	Carstairs	King, Joseph George	Dec. 16, 1935
22.	Corinthian	Pamment, Robert William	Sept. 8, 1935
23.	Calgary	Glover, Robert Laird	Apr. 30, 1935
23.	Calgary	Law, George	Jan. 19, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Johnston, Harry R.	Oct. 21, 1935
26.	Sentinel	Douglas, Alexander	Nov. 10, 1935
27.	Apollo	Watson, Thomas	May 28, 1935
28.	Ashlar	Nimmo, Archibald S.	June 19, 1935
28.	Ashlar	Selwood, Frederick Shelton	Aug. 8, 1935
28.	Ashlar	Robinson, Wedgewood	Sept. 22, 1935
30.	Summit	Cameron, Alexander	Feb. 7, 1935
30.	Summit	Houghton, Jonathan	June 4, 1935
31.	Doric	Cook, Henry Adam	Sept. 9, 1935
32.	Cairo	Rompain, Charles	Oct. 2, 1935
32.	Cairo	Burch, George Wm.	Oct. 20, 1935
33.	Stavely	Walker, Harry Orra	Jan. 29, 1935
34.	Star of the West	Scott, Robert Walton	May 30, 1935
34.	Star of the West	Liggins, George Ambrose	Oct. 6, 1935
35.	Mizpah	Johnson, Goffery Maurice	Jan. 17, 1935
35.	Mizpah	Cuyler, Arthur	Jan. 26, 1935
35.	Mizpah	Doty, Everett Raymond	Mar. 15, 1935
35.	Mizpah	Clow, Andrew Brown	Mar. 19, 1935
37.	Camrose	Brady, Desmond Thomas	Jan. 4, 1935
39.	Lethbridge	Greenall, George Burrows	Mar. 19, 1935
39.	Lethbridge	Mahon, Harry Stanley	Mar. 1, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Strachota, Wenzel P.	Jan. 25, 1935

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
44.	Buffalo Park	Dawson, James Hunter	Jan. 16, 1935
45.	Ionic	Anderson, Alexander	July 8, 1935
46.	Palestine	Lee, John	Nov. 20, 1935
47.	Chinook	Parker, John Leitch	Sept. 5, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Nicholson, Albert Lawrence	Feb. 18, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Halliday, Alfred Allen	Mar. 28, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Gibson, Robert Gardner	May 15, 1935
50.	Comet	Hollenback, Harry Clark	Dec. 31, 1934
51.	Unity	Dimond, William James	Mar. 19, 1935
51.	Unity	Whitton, Frank	Apr. 7, 1935
51.	Unity	Gimby, Charles W.	May 4, 1935
51.	Unity	Robertson, Duncan	Nov. 6, 1935
51.	Unity	Southworth, John Quincey	Oct. 28, 1935
51.	Unity	Spence, Samuel John	Nov. 20, 1935
54.	Mount Lebanon	Snowden, Campbell Cornelius	Jan. .. 1935
54.	Mount Lebanon	Wheatley, Thomas Henry	Jan. .. 1935
54.	Mount Lebanon	O'Dell, William Booth	Feb. .. 1935
55.	Bassano	Worth, John Randolph	Apr. 11, 1934
63.	Empire	Bowen, Thomas Arthur	Apr. 23, 1935
63.	Empire	Forbes, Daniel John	Nov. 8, 1935
63.	Empire	Green, George Frederick	Dec. 19, 1935
64.	Bow Island	Olson, Richard	June 3, 1935
66.	St. Andrew's	McKenzie, James	Sept. .. 1935
68.	Edson	McCullagh, George	Apr. 14, 1935
72.	Coronation	Slough, Frank	Apr. 26, 1935
72.	Coronation	Towns, Armenis A.	May 26, 1935
72.	Coronation	Locke, Enos Charles	Jan. 12, 1935
72.	Coronation	Fair, George Walker	June 15, 1935
73.	Brooks	Marin, Joseph Luke	May 3, 1935
73.	Brooks	Hook, George	June 21, 1935
73.	Brooks	Crummy, Arthur W.	Sept. 28, 1935
73.	Brooks	Fessenden, Edward F.	Dec. 15, 1935
74.	Vulcan	Terry, Peter Ira	Apr. 15, 1935
76.	Fidelity	Robinson, Mark John	Feb. 24, 1935
76.	Fidelity	Losie, James	Mar. 16, 1935
77.	Strathcona	Moir, William Steele	Sept. 18, 1935
77.	Strathcona	Parker, Edward Austin	Dec. 1, 1935
77.	Strathcona	Houston, David	Nov. 15, 1935
78.	Hanna	Shoults, William A.	Oct. 22, 1935
79.	Morning Star	Potts, Luther William	Jan. 22, 1935

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81.	Commercial.....	Brown, Albert John.....	Feb. 12, 1935
81.	Commercial.	Barthelemy, Maurice Francois... ..	July 6, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Clough, Edward.....	Aug. 10, 1935
83.	Zetland.....	Maxwell, Nelson J.....	June 21, 1935
83.	Zetland.....	Chandler, William Montgomery..	June 8, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Jopling, Lyman Abbot.....	Oct. 20, 1935
87.	Crescent.....	Wilson, Richard.....	June 6, 1935
89.	Peace River.....	Adams, Frank H.....	Apr. 22, 1935
89.	Peace River.....	McLean, Donald.....	Dec. 12, 1935
90.	Norwood.....	Cristall, Ralph.....	Feb. 11, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Essery, Elmo Garfield.....	Oct. 27, 1935
98.	Hand Hill.....	Holte, Robt.....	Aug. 21, 1935
102.	Edgerton.....	Simmons, Clarence Martin.....	Dec. 15, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Stewart-Irvine, Alastair, W.A....	May 25, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Belcher, Percy Hugh.....	Aug. ... 1935
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	Hurley, William D.....	Apr. 16, 1935
108.	Pyramid.....	Clements, William J.....	May 29, 1935
110.	Kilwinning.....	Rivers, Jackson, W. H.....	Oct. 18, 1935
111.	Nobleford.....	Sorensen, Anders.....	July 21, 1935
112.	Victory.....	Haskins, Edwin Percival.....	Mar. 6, 1935
113.	Cyprus.....	Goode, Ezra.....	Dec. 13, 1935
116.	Spirit River.....	Egan, Albert C.....	Jan. 16, 1935
116.	Spirit River.....	Esplen, David.....	Apr. 20, 1935
118.	St. Mark's.....	Millar, Robert.....	Nov. 17, 1935
118.	St. Mark's.....	Hardy, Bell.....	Dec. 2, 1935
119.	York.....	McMillan, Heber A.....	May 6, 1935
123.	Rockyford.....	Pust, Emil W.....	Jan. 26, 1935
123.	Rockyford.....	Millar, Alexander Law.....	Oct. 19, 1935
123.	Rockyford.....	Prater, Roy MacDonald.....	Nov. 26, 1935
125.	Cavell.....	Snell, Howard Birrell.....	Jan. 21, 1935
130.	Hussar.....	Moffat, William Denton.....	Aug. 17, 1935
131.	Kitscoty.....	Allen, Samuel.....	June 19, 1935
131.	Kitscoty.....	Gilpin, John W.....	Nov. 26, 1935
133.	Manyberries.....	Courtney, John Melvin.....	Oct. 21, 1935
134.	Renfrew.....	Carr, Arthur Henry.....	Mar. 15, 1935
142.	Ivanhoe.....	McKerman, Harry.....	Sept. 16, 1935
143.	Jasper Park.....	Faulkner, Arthur.....	Jan. 23, 1935
143.	Jasper Park.....	Thorn, John William.....	Mar. 22, 1935
143.	Jasper Park.....	Crozier, James Sharpe.....	Apr. 14, 1935
143.	Jasper Park.....	Mayne, William Wyllie.....	Aug. 15, 1935
151.	Lochearn.....	Johnson, Oley G.....	1935
151.	Lochearn.....	Green, Thomas Daniel.....	1935
151.	Lochearn.....	Strong, William.....	Dec. 22, 1935
158.	Berry Creek.....	McComb, Fred Arthur.....	Mar. 11, 1935
160.	Sexsmith.....	Bruce, Thomas C.....	May 23, 1935

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Johnstone, Harry J.....	June 5, 1935
1.	Bow River.....	Redfern, Harvey Mitchell.....	June 5, 1935
3.	Alberta.....	Snyder, Rollin Crispin.....	Oct. 16, 1935
3.	Alberta.....	McLean, James Duncan.....	Dec. 18, 1935
3.	Alberta.....	Nicolle, Reginald John.....	Dec. 18, 1935
3.	Alberta.....	Young, James.....	Dec. 18, 1935
5.	Cascade.....	Watson, William Douglas.....	Mar. 14, 1935
5.	Cascade.....	Grey, Percy David.....	Mar. 14, 1935
5.	Cascade.....	Akhurst, Edward.....	Mar. 14, 1935
5.	Cascade.....	Standish, Gordon Edmond.....	Mar. 14, 1935
7.	Edmonton.....	Brown, Thomas.....	June 11, 1935
7.	Edmonton.....	Cudby, Frederick J.....	June 11, 1935
7.	Edmonton.....	Cunningham, John F.....	June 11, 1935
7.	Edmonton.....	Merrill, Norman D.....	June 11, 1935
10.	Eureka.....	Sangster, John.....	Dec. 4, 1935
10.	Eureka.....	Menzies, Henry Gray.....	Dec. 4, 1935
10.	Eureka.....	Nottingham, Levi John.....	Dec. 4, 1935
10.	Eureka.....	Lundy, John Arthur.....	Dec. 4, 1935
10.	Eureka.....	Shade, Harry Edmund.....	Dec. 4, 1935
10.	Eureka.....	Leitch, Andrew Stevenson.....	Dec. 4, 1935
11.	Acacia.....	Duggan, Joseph Jenkins.....	Dec. 12, 1935
11.	Acacia.....	Robinson, Arthur Gordon.....	Dec. 12, 1935
11.	Acacia.....	Scaman, Harvey Torr.....	Dec. 12, 1935
14.	Jasper.....	Campbell, Alexander B.....	June 10, 1935
14.	Jasper.....	Duncan, George H.....	June 10, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	MacDonald, James Brodie.....	Dec. 19, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Campbell, Godfrey Neill.....	Dec. 19, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Farris, Harvey Dobie.....	Dec. 19, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Hay, John Alexander.....	Dec. 19, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Fenton, John Thomas.....	Dec. 19, 1935
18.	Britannia.....	Byers, Bernard J.....	Nov. 7, 1935
18.	Britannia.....	Few, John Joseph.....	Nov. 7, 1935
18.	Britannia.....	Ferguson, Ernest George.....	Nov. 7, 1935
18.	Britannia.....	Jones, Hudson G.....	Nov. 7, 1935
18.	Britannia.....	McGillivray, Lodiewec A.....	Nov. 7, 1935
18.	Britannia.....	Neff, Maxwell Grant.....	Nov. 7, 1935
20.	Carstairs.....	Stull, Thomas Zackeous.....	July 14, 1935
20.	Carstairs.....	Cochrane, William Clyde.....	July 14, 1935
21.	King Hiram.....	Bowles, Norman Gisham.....	May 12, 1935
21.	King Hiram.....	Ballard, Franklin Norman.....	Dec. 9, 1935
21.	King Hiram.....	Harrison, Geo. Sommes.....	Dec. 9, 1935
21.	King Hiram.....	Spahr, Edward Andrew.....	Dec. 9, 1935
21.	King Hiram.....	Doran, James Woodside.....	Dec. 9, 1935
21.	King Hiram.....	Summers, William.....	Dec. 9, 1935
22.	Corinthian.....	Robins, Harry Frederick.....	Sept. 3, 1935
23.	Calgary.....	Bodel, James Henry.....	Oct. 4, 1935
23.	Calgary.....	Kirkpatrick, Henry Robert Byron.....	Oct. 4, 1935
23.	Calgary.....	Stafford, John Daniel.....	Oct. 4, 1935
23.	Calgary.....	Wood, Robert Harry.....	Oct. 4, 1935
23.	Calgary.....	Warren, George Stewart.....	Dec. 6, 1935

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24.	Vermilion	Law, John	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	MacKenzie, Ross	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	McKone, Percy T.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	MacFayden, D. Ulva	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Pilkie, Albert E.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Ross, Percy E.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Sherwin, Ed. H.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	McLean, Hugh H.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Harrington, Frederick G.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	MacKinnon, Murdoch M.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Allnutt, Alfred	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Watt, Archie	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Galbraith, Stanley S.	Dec. 3, 1935
24.	Vermilion	Dunlop, T. James	Dec. 3, 1935
28.	Ashlar	Crawford, Lee Wallace	Dec. 12, 1935
29.	Kenilworth	Baile, John	Apr. 2, 1935
29.	Kenilworth	Gordon, Chas. John	Apr. 2, 1935
29.	Kenilworth	Cookson, William	Apr. 2, 1935
29.	Kenilworth	Dorsey, Charles F.	Apr. 2, 1935
29.	Kenilworth	Geering, Geo. R.	Apr. 2, 1935
29.	Kenilworth	Bjorkland, Charles	Dec. 3, 1935
34.	Star of the West	Smith, Albion Rixon	May 7, 1935
34.	Star of the West	Oldering, Harold	May 7, 1935
36.	Gleichen	Buker, William H.	June 4, 1935
37.	Camrose	Bowes, Wilbert David	Feb. 14, 1935
37.	Camrose	Nash, Thomas	Feb. 14, 1935
37.	Camrose	Ross, Alexander James	Feb. 14, 1935
38.	Hope	Patterson, Charles R.	Dec. 31, 1935
38.	Hope	Graham, James Stewart	Dec. 31, 1935
38.	Hope	Boyle, Frederick W.	Dec. 31, 1935
38.	Hope	Swain, Cleland B.	Dec. 31, 1935
38.	Hope	Shunk, Angus L.	Dec. 31, 1935
39.	Lethbridge	Fleming, William John	Dec. 19, 1935
39.	Lethbridge	Powis, William John	Dec. 19, 1935
39.	Lethbridge	Turney, James Barrett	Dec. 19, 1935
39.	Lethbridge	Williams, Arthur	Dec. 19, 1935
40.	Joppa	Young, Robert	Dec. 12, 1935
40.	Joppa	Carswell, Charles F.	Dec. 12, 1935
40.	Joppa	Whitehead, Robt.	Dec. 12, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Christensen, Herman	June 30, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Grant, James Mortimer	June 30, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Grant, William (Jr.)	June 30, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Mowry, Roy Melvin	June 30, 1935
43.	Tuscan	McEachern, Alexander John	June 30, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Trouth, Ralph Henry	June 30, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Knox, Arthur Ramsey	Dec. 4, 1935
43.	Tuscan	Bonnett, Fred W.	Dec. 4, 1935
43.	Tuscan	McKinley, Carney Walker	Dec. 4, 1935
44.	Buffalo Park	Dewar, Peter	Jan. 2, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Schumann, Harold A.	Dec. 3, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Whillans, David	Dec. 3, 1935
51.	Unity	Alexander, Louis	Oct. 1, 1935
51.	Unity	Auld, Thomas Campbell	Oct. 1, 1935
51.	Unity	Bateman, Robert Laurence	Oct. 1, 1935
51.	Unity	Batson, Charles Colbert	Oct. 1, 1935
51.	Unity	Bell, George T.	Oct. 1, 1935

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51. Unity		Bell, Irvin Russell	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Currie, Angus	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Davies, Albert Wyndham	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Davies, Richard	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Dawson, Martin Walton	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Elrick, Henry James	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Fleming, Peter	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Hardy, William Bruce	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Hedley, Charlton	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Henderson, Andrew	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Hillier, William George	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Hope, John	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Hougan, Olaf	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Livingstone, Andrew	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Lyttle, Hamilton	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Marshall, Edward Davis	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Mason, Arthur B.	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Megahy, William	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		MacDonald, Malcolm Alexander	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		McCurdy, John Frederick	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		McIntosh, David Gordon	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Nixon, John	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Parsons, Sidney	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Robertson, Robert	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Small, Robert	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Smith, Arthur	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Smith, Robert	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Wharton, Frank Blackshaw	Oct. 1, 1935
51. Unity		Wilcock, Charles E.	Oct. 1, 1935
53. Strathmore		Crowther, Samuel Henry	May 13, 1935
53. Strathmore		Gardiner, Robert Wells	May 13, 1935
54. Mount Lebanon		Hughes, Owen Francis	Oct. 8, 1935
55. Bassano		Evans, Edward	May 8, 1935
55. Bassano		Struthers, Robert Herbert	June 30, 1935
55. Bassano		White, William Arthur	Sept. 10, 1930
55. Bassano		McCaugherty, Ernest H.	Oct. 8, 1935
55. Bassano		McClennan, John G.	Oct. 8, 1935
59. King George		Chesney, Archibald	May 10, 1935
59. King George		Pollitt, Thomas E.	May 10, 1935
59. King George		Hazard, Alfred	May 10, 1935
59. King George		Tuck, William Le Gross	May 10, 1935
59. King George		Carscallen, Shibley G.	Nov. 8, 1935
59. King George		Cunnington, Charles H.	Nov. 8, 1935
59. King George		Hope, Charles E.	Nov. 8, 1935
60. Acme		Gilbert, Albert George	Mar. 14, 1935
61. Provost		Pegg, Frederick S.	Dec. 18, 1935
61. Provost		Dalrymple, Wallace E.	Dec. 18, 1935
61. Provost		Farquharson, Jas. D.	Dec. 18, 1935
61. Provost		Bowler, Vincent	Dec. 18, 1935
61. Provost		McKechnie, Hugh	Dec. 18, 1935
61. Provost		Crawford, Robert B.	Dec. 18, 1935
63. Empire		Cooke, Reginald Godfrey	Feb. 18, 1935
63. Empire		Flowers, Percy	Feb. 18, 1935
63. Empire		Green, George Frederick	Feb. 18, 1935
63. Empire		Huxley, James Thomas	Feb. 18, 1935
63. Empire		Kennedy, Robert	Feb. 18, 1935

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63.	Empire.....	Wolf, Louis Cyril.....	Feb. 18, 1935
63.	Empire.....	Lamb, Robert Lincoln.....	Feb. 18, 1935
63.	Empire.....	Markham, Sydney Dudley.....	Feb. 18, 1935
63.	Empire.....	Risely, Thomas B.....	Feb. 18, 1935
63.	Empire.....	Waterton, William Albert.....	Feb. 18, 1935
64.	Bow Island.....	Johnson, Charles E.....	June 18, 1935
64.	Bow Island.....	Johnson, John Waldemer.....	June 18, 1935
64.	Bow Island.....	Hartford, McKenzie James.....	Dec. 17, 1935
64.	Bow Island.....	Hurst, Stanley Y.....	Dec. 17, 1935
68.	Edson.....	McPherson, Murdock.....	May 2, 1935
72.	Coronation.....	Drinnan, William.....	Dec. 5, 1935
72.	Coronation.....	Fraser, Raymond Dunn.....	Dec. 5, 1935
72.	Coronation.....	Hunter, Albert John.....	Dec. 5, 1935
72.	Coronation.....	Miller, Samuel Wesley.....	Dec. 5, 1935
72.	Coronation.....	Brison, Herbert Stanley.....	Dec. 5, 1935
75.	Harmony.....	Roggeveen, Johannes J. (Jr.).....	Dec. 5, 1935
76.	Fidelity.....	Marks, Robert Hugh.....	Nov. 5, 1935
77.	Strathcona.....	Gorton, Herbert.....	Dec. 13, 1935
77.	Strathcona.....	Phillips, Robert.....	Dec. 13, 1935
77.	Strathcona.....	Vince, Albert N.....	Dec. 13, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	Sim, Herbert Clarke.....	May 1, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	Brashear, Burgess Ford.....	May 1, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	Davidson, Andrew L. R.....	May 1, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	Mathe, Frank A.....	May 1, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	McEwen, Bertram P.....	May 1, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	Brookwick, William Joseph.....	May 1, 1935
78.	Hanna.....	Baxter, Samuel G.....	May 1, 1935
80.	Excelsior.....	Bhenke, Lewis W.....	Mar. 14, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Feurt, Ralph Lindsay.....	Mar. 2, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Higenbottam, Arthur.....	Mar. 2, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Perring, George S.....	Mar. 2, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Pont, Sydney.....	Mar. 2, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Ross, Campbell Reginald.....	Mar. 2, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Wilkins, Charles Allison.....	Mar. 2, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Warner, Stanley Douglas.....	Mar. 2, 1935
82.	Acadia.....	Brown, John J.....	Dec. 3, 1935
83.	Zetland.....	Towers, John Arthur.....	Mar. 7, 1935
83.	Zetland.....	Gardiner, Herbert Martin.....	Mar. 7, 1935
83.	Zetland.....	Mitchell, Robert R.....	Mar. 7, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Hoskins, William Cleo.....	Oct. 10, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Taylor, George.....	Oct. 10, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Moffatt, John Milton.....	Oct. 10, 1935
84.	Champion.....	St. Peter, Nyle Milton.....	Oct. 10, 1935
84.	Champion.....	McLeod, Neil.....	Oct. 10, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Holm, Peter.....	Oct. 10, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Miller, Albert J.....	Oct. 10, 1935
87.	Crescent.....	McLellan, James.....	Dec. 10, 1935
87.	Crescent.....	Fielder, Edward E.....	Dec. 10, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Aldridge, Arthur George.....	June 21, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Anderson, Frederick William.....	June 21, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Cummings, Charles Henry.....	June 21, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Davies, Fred.....	June 21, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Farmer, George Richard.....	June 21, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Stobo, Thomas Glen.....	June 21, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Hessey, William Vernon.....	Dec. 19, 1935
91.	Patricia.....	Bisset, Franklin.....	Dec. 19, 1935

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91.	Patricia.....	Olfson, Ronald Sten.....	Dec. 19, 1935
92.	Saskatchewan...	Aldridge, Francis George.....	Sept. 12, 1935
92.	Saskatchewan...	Dean, Robert James Halliday.....	Sept. 12, 1935
92.	Saskatchewan...	Hepburn, Gordon Everett.....	Sept. 12, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Robertson, George Mair.....	June 27, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Rosenstiel, James Richard.....	June 27, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Sutherland, James Alexander.....	June 27, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Shaw, David.....	June 27, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Kerr, Thomas.....	June 27, 1935
94.	Lamont.....	Bentley, Sewell Vernon.....	Mar. 4, 1935
100.	Verdigris.....	Bye, Alfred Ray Skelton.....	May 23, 1935
100.	Verdigris.....	Thompson, Andrew A.....	May 23, 1935
100.	Verdigris.....	Giles, George Nelson.....	May 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Hooper, John Richard.....	Jan. 3, 1930
101.	West Edmonton.	McDonald, Archibald.....	Feb. 7, 1934
101.	West Edmonton.	Hurman, Roland.....	Jan. 3, 1934
101.	West Edmonton.	Jones, Walton Harry.....	Feb. 7, 1934
101.	West Edmonton.	Warrior, Ralph E. Webb.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Livingston, Donald.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Hagerman, Roy G.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Gibb, William.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Caswell, Thomas B.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Currie, Archibald S.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Mayhew, Edward J.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Nudd, Herbert J.....	June 23, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.	Sydie, John E.....	June 23, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Dalglish, Alexander M.....	Dec. 18, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Dixon, Daniel.....	Dec. 18, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Gillespie, Fred B.....	Dec. 18, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Hutchings, Harry R.....	Dec. 18, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Minchin, Daniel H.....	Dec. 18, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Sawyer, James W.....	Dec. 18, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie..	Storm, James.....	Dec. 18, 1935
107.	Carbon.....	Owen, Francis.....	May 14, 1935
108.	Pyramid.....	Vickers, Frank.....	May 16, 1935
108.	Pyramid.....	Couper, George Victor.....	May 16, 1935
108.	Pyramid.....	Harrison, Cecil.....	May 16, 1935
109.	Ancient Landmark	Devereaux, Nelson John.....	Apr. 3, 1935
112.	Victory.....	Carter, Kenneth C.....	Mar. 7, 1935
112.	Victory.....	Sharpe, Walter.....	Mar. 7, 1935
115.	Crocus.....	Carlson, August.....	Dec. 27, 1935
116.	Spirit River.....	Morrison, Harvard Llewellyn.....	Jan. 21, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Foote, Richard E.....	Dec. 4, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Wilson, Robt. Stephenson.....	Dec. 4, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Dart, Angus.....	Dec. 4, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Jones, Wm. Edward.....	Dec. 4, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Strobel, Henry.....	Dec. 4, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Hilton, James.....	Dec. 4, 1935
122.	Rising Sun.....	Keast, Lindrum.....	Dec. 4, 1935
123.	Rockyford.....	Chapman, Victor.....	Dec. 27, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Cochrane, Edwin Purdy.....	Feb. 2, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Stack, James Ivan.....	Feb. 2, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Cooper, Wilfred Ernest Roy.....	Feb. 2, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Butler, George F.....	Feb. 2, 1935
125.	Cavell.....	Collins, Troy H.....	June 13, 1935
125.	Cavell.....	McBride, Thos. W.....	June 13, 1935

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
129.	Meridian	Faulks, Percy	Oct 9, 1935
129.	Meridian	Hayes, William	Oct. 9, 1935
129.	Meridian	Clark, Edward Duncan	Oct. 9, 1935
131.	Kitscoty	Grant, John	Apr. 17, 1935
131.	Kitscoty	Mathison, Andrew C.	Dec. 4, 1935
131.	Kitscoty	Portingale, William R.	Dec. 4, 1935
133.	Manyberries	Wager, George Garfield	Dec. 18, 1935
134.	Renfrew	Beresford, Thomas Farnworth	Apr. 8, 1935
134.	Renfrew	MacDonald, John R.	Apr. 8, 1935
134.	Renfrew	Williams, Geoffrey P.	Apr. 8, 1935
143.	Jasper Park	Sutherland, Donald	June 13, 1935
143.	Jasper Park	Milner, Charles Norton	June 13, 1935
143.	Jasper Park	Hobson, Benjamin	June 13, 1935
143.	Jasper Park	McConnell, William	Dec. 12, 1935
147.	Northland	Grant, William	June 13, 1935
147.	Northland	Lynch, John James	June 13, 1935
154.	Waskatenau	Westover, John Willis	Feb. 7, 1935
154.	Waskatenau	Barker, Cyril F. S.	Feb. 7, 1935
156.	Hythe	Veldhuis, Bertus	Mar. 28, 1935
156.	Hythe	Forbes, Lawrence	Dec. 26, 1935

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Ventress, George R. H.	Jan. 2, 1935
3.	Alberta	Snyder, Rollin Crispin	Nov. 20, 1935
3.	Alberta	MacGowan, Alfred James	Dec. 18, 1935
9.	Perfection	McVinnie, James	Mar. 19, 1935
12.	Red Deer	Paterson, Wilfrid	Feb. 12, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin	Austin, Chas. Gordon	Feb. 21, 1935
15.	Wetaskiwin	Finch, Horace Garfield	Sept. 19, 1935
16.	Mountain View	Brown, Richard Cyril Osborne	Apr. 1, 1935
19.	Cornerstone	Kinnear, George	Mar. 18, 1935
36.	Gleichen	Keokoed, LeRoy	Jan. 15, 1935
36.	Gleichen	Ferguson, William Foster	Jan. 15, 1935
36.	Gleichen	Robertson, William H.	Jan. 15, 1935
37.	Camrose	Foucar, Henry Philip	May 9, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Willis, Sidney	Dec. 3, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Hall, Artel Albert	Oct. 8, 1935
48.	Crossfield	Hall, Douglas G.	Dec. 3, 1935
51.	Unity	Bell, George T.	Dec. 3, 1935
51.	Unity	Hougan, Olaf	Dec. 3, 1935
54.	Mt. Lebanon	Elford, James L.	Mar. 9, 1935
56.	Beaver	Hobbs, Alfred Percy	Jan. 2, 1935
62.	Coal	Sweeney, Pat Auron	Apr. 19, 1935
63.	Empire	Cooke, Reginald Godfrey	May 20, 1935
63.	Empire	Green, George Frederick	May 20, 1935
68.	Edson	Leslie, John Arthur	Feb. 7, 1935
70.	Quarry	Argue, Ernest P.	June 4, 1935

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
77.	Strathecona.....	Birch, Frank.....	Jan. 11, 1935
81.	Commercial.....	Noyes, Earlon Stillman.....	Jan. 5, 1935
82.	Acadia.....	Gordon, Delbert B.....	Jan. 15, 1935
82.	Acadia.....	Gibbs, Joseph Clyde.....	Feb. 12, 1935
84.	Champion.....	Carlson, John Edward.....	Jan. 10, 1935
89.	Peace River.....	Upton, M. R.....	Jan. 9, 1935
90.	Norwood.....	Rudd, Terence Channing H.....	Feb. 12, 1935
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Shulman, Edward Joseph.....	Jan. 10, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	McAdoo, William James.....	Mar. 14, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Teeple, William John.....	May 9, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Weymark, John Henry.....	Feb. 14, 1935
93.	Symbol.....	Fisher, Samuel.....	June 29, 1935
94.	Lamont.....	Paulsen, Eli J.....	May 13, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.....	Livingston, Donald.....	Nov. 6, 1935
101.	West Edmonton.....	Currie, Archibald S.....	Dec. 4, 1935
104.	Oyen.....	May, Donald Edwin.....	June 30, 1935
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Castle, Phillip Henry.....	June 26, 1934
107.	Carbon.....	Chandler, Earl C.....	Apr. 16, 1935
119.	York.....	Faichney, Thomas Taylor.....	Apr. 6, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Butler, George F.....	Apr. 6, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Cochrane, Edward Purdy.....	Oct. 5, 1935
124.	Concord.....	Stack, James Ivan.....	Sept. 7, 1935
129.	Meridian.....	Herbert, George S.....	Oct. 9, 1935
133.	Manyberries.....	Courtney, William Ralph.....	Mar. 20, 1935
138.	Onoway.....	Yeoman, James Henry.....	Mar. 6, 1935

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1.	Bow River.	Arthur C. Rowe.	R. Swift.	1437-6th St. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.	J. P. Marsh.	W. H. Williams.	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.	Ed. L. Buckwell.	G. R. Davis.	Macleod.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.	R. J. R. Paterson.	E. J. Faunch.	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade.	John Dignall.	W. E. Ward.	Box 70, Banff.	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzie.		W. A. Fraser.	Funcher Creek.	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.	James W. Weir.	P. Barnhouse.	Box 34, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.	Claude W. Carter.	W. C. A. Watt.	Innisfail.	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection.	D. Alex. Ross.	C. S. Evans.	102 Ek. Commerce Chrs., Calgary.	First Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.	Wm. A. Henry.	Jesse Fraser.	Lacombe.	Second Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia.	Samuel P. Dalton.	C. W. Lilley.	11030-51st Ave., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.	Clarence D. Husband.	A. G. Ayres.	Red Deer.	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria.	Robt. H. Mason.	H. N. Carscadden.	Fort Saskatchewan.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper.	Owen J. Barker.	H. Sandilands.	9258-91st St., Edmonton.	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.	Thomas G. McLeod.	Harry G. Smith.	Wetaskiwin.	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.	Jas. Murray.	Guy H. Burke.	Olds.	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton.	Clyde C. Jessup.	W. H. Allan.	Nanton.	Third Friday in each month.
18.	Briannia.	Alfred B. Kembry.	R. W. McWilliam.	Ponoka.	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone.	Arthur W. Thomas.	John Miller.	P. O. Drawer 5, High River.	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.	G. Darling.	A. S. Gough.	Carstairs.	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.	Wm. M. Smith.	H. Morgan.	Didsbury.	Second Thursday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.	W. J. G. Bullivant.	G. C. S. Paterson.	Okotoks.	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary.	Wilfred Pearson.	J. A. G. Morrison.	915-19th Ave. W., Calgary.	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion.	Elmore M. Stewart.	J. W. G. Morrison.	Vermilion.	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's.	James Fraser.	F. W. Leing.	Vegreville.	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel.	William Adlam.	H. O. Westrup.	Hillcrest.	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo.	Jos. H. Clarke.	C. B. Morton.	Stettler.	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar.	Fred Bentlev.	J. W. Quinney.	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary.	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth.	Peter Gordon.	Rev. W. T. H. Cripps.	Red Deer.	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit.	Walter S. Purvis.	A. M. W. Cooke.	Coleman.	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric.	T. C. Williams.	W. Gidman.	Taber.	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo.	Lars A. Myzgiand.	J. B. Humphreys.	Clareholm.	Third Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely.	Walter F. Wilford.	M. F. Malchow.	Leduc.	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West.	R. D. Essery.	R. M. Coote.	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat.	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Miraph.	Harry McMillan.	A. G. Finch.	Gleichen.	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen.	James F. Gorrill.	T. H. Beach.	Manville.	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Camrose.	Waldo H. Murray.	F. F. Bailey.	Manville.	Monday, on or before full moon.
38.	Hope.	C. M. Nelson.	W. N. Crooks.	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Third Thursday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge.	John C. Redman.	E. J. Rossiter.	Granum.	Second Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa.	James Blair.	O. H. Edwards.		

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41.	King Solomon	R. Armstead	A. Moore	Cochrane	Thursday on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden	Wm. R. Baycroft	A. L. Boyd	Bowden	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
43.	Tuscan	Robert L. Hunt	Hayward Smith	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	Gordon Graham	J. C. McKenzie	Wainwright	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
45.	Ionie	Albert E. Hollings	W. C. Tallman	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine		O. P. Thomas	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook		A. G. M. Swart	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	Charles H. McMillan	S. Willis	Crossfield	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
49.	Robert Burns	S. R. Craig	W. Dayman	Carmangay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	H. E. Raley	F. W. Ingram	Hardsly	Second Tuesday in each month.
51.	Unity	Thos. H. Champion	J. Booth	9350-107th Ave., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	Thos. H. Milesen	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	Carson Bradley	P. K. G. Childe	3623 7A St. W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Bassano	Wm. F. Keith	H. H. Beeber	Bassano	First Wednesday in each month.
55.	Beaver	Henry W. Boyce	T. A. Marshall	Castor	Second Tuesday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	William Ralsbeck	W. E. McNevin	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	Walter H. Hayne	Wm. Betts	P. O. Box 11, Cardston	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	King George	J. F. Graham	V. Cunliffe	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Acme	Chas. B. McGill	E. N. Smith	Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Provost	Norval Agar	Wm. G. Fox	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Coal	C. W. Jain	N. L. Kvittum	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Empire	R. M. Hibbert	J. Martland	9618-105th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
63.	Bow Island	Arvid Carlson	Wm. Hyland	Bow Island	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
64.	Diamond City	Jas. McMahon	H. B. Fuller	Kipp	First Thursday in each month.
65.	St. Andrew's	H. G. King	D. V. Gilmour	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
66.	Charity	Wm. E. Bartlett	Chas. Barrett	538-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge	First Thursday in each month.
67.	Edson	Ivor J. Cadogan	F. C. Glover	P. O. Box 110, Edson	Second Tuesday in each month.
68.	Connaught	Noble C. Graham	H. W. K. Hilliker	Viking	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Quarry	A. E. Sanderson	J. R. W. Cann	Box 242, Redcliff	Tuesday nearest full moon.
70.	Tawatinaw	E. A. Hunter	J. D. Galloway	Athabasca	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Coronation	A. W. Thoroughman	I. B. Lutz (Actg.)	Coronation	First Wednesday in each month.
72.	Brooks	George H. Giles	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
73.	Vulcan	Lyle H. Jones	D. McAfee	Vulcan	First Tuesday in each month.
74.	Harmony	James G. Murray	W. C. Reed	Sedgewick	Monday, on or before full moon.
75.	Fidelity	John H. Pearson	Lynn Wilson	Bashaw	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Strathcona	Harold R. Leaver	H. C. Neal	10939-31st Ave., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
77.	Hanna	S. H. Smith	J. H. Stephens	Hanna	First Wednesday in each month.
78.	Morning Star	J. Feeney	C. P. Rowland	Lougheed	Thursday, on or before full moon.
79.	Excelsior	A. W. Moore	H. V. Phipps	Box 35, Strone	First Thursday in each month.
80.	Commercial	Cyril Cockmack	Robt. Cockburn	10124-125th St., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
81.	Acadia	Ira D. Barton	L. R. Martin	Youngstown	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
82.	Zeland	Jay A. Marshall	C. R. Cameron	1312-7th St., N. W., Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
83.	Champion	B. F. Cool	G. L. Dupue	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.

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86.	Rocky Mountain	John M. Jenkins	E. A. Harper	Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crecent	D. D. Livingstone	M. Currie	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	Chas. E. Spaulding	C. A. Walker	P. O. Box 424, High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	Robt. R. Claughton	T. A. Norris	Peace River	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood	F. A. Smith	W. Horrocks	3 Chatham Apts., 10033-107th St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	John Hening	Box 491, Edmonton		Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	Wm. G. Scott	E. Hollingworth	9721-96th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	Robert A. Peters	L. A. Bennett	Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lanont	H. S. Herdman	L. B. Adams	Lamont	First Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	Robt. E. Marshall	H. N. Taylor	Rumby	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamo	Frank G. Ryall	N. L. Campbell	Holten	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	Frank G. Ryall	C. H. Thompson	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	E. A. Thompson	D. H. Campbell	Della	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Vedalia	F. J. Coates	P. A. Barran	Milk River	Fourth Thursday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton	I. W. Bates	W. MacKenzie	12774-115th St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	Edgerton	Albert E. Bishop	E. F. Mitchell	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Foremost	Geo. E. McFarlane	E. A. Pow	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Oyen	Charles Stewart	David A. Peck	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
104.	Granite Prairie	Thomas W. Lawlor	A. W. Leechman	Granite Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month.
105.	Late Saskatoon	Wilfred Paxon	H. C. Wilson	Wendy	First Wednesday in each month.
106.	Carbon	Wesley J. Donaghy	H. N. Hanna	Carbon	Thursday, on or before full moon.
107.	Pyramid	G. E. H. Hauf	A. P. Fitch	London	Third Thursday in each month.
108.	Ancient Landmark	Robt. J. Smith	E. Rubie	Ymir	First Wednesday in each month.
109.	Kilwinning	Robert Shireed	V. H. Lindberg	Imussee	Third Monday in each month.
110.	Nobleford	Wm. C. A. Stanton	W. J. McCullough	Imussee	First Tuesday in each month.
111.	Victory	Donald E. Stanton	M. L. Chapman	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Cyprus	D. J. MacDonald	J. M. Fildes	Imussee	Third Thursday in each month.
113.	Grecus	Wm. E. Connell	R. W. Ward	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
114.	Spirit River	Wm. E. Connell	R. W. Ward	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Dominion	Wm. E. Connell	R. W. Ward	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
116.	W. Mark's	Alexander Niven	Geo. A. Thompson	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
117.	York	Mark Barker	A. L. Todd	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
118.	Monitor	Arthur Bates	Wm. Dean	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
119.	Kang Sun	Wilfred Carpenter	C. R. Walrod	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
120.	Rockyford	Horat. E. Moore	Geo. Hunter	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
121.	Concord	John Y. Greenwood	M. J. Manning	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
122.	Cavell	Alexander Kennedy	R. A. Conrad	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
123.	Pembina	Charles I. Spangier	H. Andrews	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
124.	Granite	Joseph E. Gossell	Hans Farvolden	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
125.	Forestburg	Hebert H. Wolfe	Jas. Malloch	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
126.	Meridian	H. B. Stitt	S. W. Lawrie	Imussee	First Thursday in each month.
127.	Husar			Imussee	First Thursday in each month.

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131.	Kitscoty	Lewis Bramum	Chas. N. Gray	Kitscoty	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
132.	Craigville	Wm. Clarkson	John MacLean	Craigville	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	William E. Roche	W. L. Yorke	Manyberries	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134.	Renfrew	Willfred C. Stewart	C. S. B. Lait	230-15th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	Robert Hood	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset	William Strachan	J. A. Gow	Barons	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	Sydney C. Yeoman	C. E. L. Baker	Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway	Harry H. Griffiths	E. T. Longman	Onoway	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Meirhoe	D. B. Shaw	N. A. Houghton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	E. L. Peddicord	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Friday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	A. Blair Paterson	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	Frank F. McDonald	Andrew Mara	1018-87th Ave., Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	N. S. Johnston	H. J. A. Sparkes	P. O. Box 135, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Graton	Harold A. Brown	T. E. Yarr	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's	L. L. McLean	W. J. Chester	St. Paul, Box 107	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	C. C. Hazen	T. W. Bennett	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland	Edward W. Grice	E. J. Martin	Fairview	Second Thursday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe	L. W. Comstock	Ralph Kidd	Balm	Thursday, on or before full moon.
149.	Rosebud	Edward W. Grice	W. L. Hymas	Rosebud	Second Wednesday in each month.
150.	Locheam	Nels Peter Nelson	J. W. Dempsey	Donalda	Second Monday in each month.
151.	Locheam	Edward T. Gallant	F. A. Wagner	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month.
152.	Standard	Charles McMasters	Thos. G. Govenlock	Standard	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt	Albert H. White	F. J. Henry	Whitecourt	First Wednesday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	Glenn Henry Kelly	A. E. Goode	P. O. Box 48, Waskatenau	First Wednesday in each month.
155.	Earl Haig	Martin Jensen	J. H. McCann	Barrihead	Second Monday in each month.
156.	Hythe	Gec. W. Loveland	H. Arthur	Hythe	Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Sharon	Colin E. Dewhurst	D. A. Grose	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	Thos. A. Fairbairn	Jas. J. Marshall	Pollockville	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne			Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Sexsmith			Sexsmith	Second Wednesday in each month.

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1934	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1935	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River.....	220	4	2	2	..	1	4	2	..	4	215	..	5
2	Medicine Hat...	259	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	3	256	..	3
3	Alberta.....	86	3	3	3	..	2	2	4	..	2	83	..	3
4	North Star.....	235	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	..	5	223	..	12
5	Cascade.....	163	1	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	3	155	..	8
6	Spitzie.....	64	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	2	..
7	Edmonton.....	271	1	1	1	1	..	3	4	..	4	262	..	9
8	Innisfail.....	67	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	67	..	..
9	Perfection.....	377	1	1	1	1	1	7	..	..	5	368	..	9
10	Eureka.....	121	1	..	..	2	..	1	6	..	1	116	..	5
11	Acacia.....	176	8	8	6	5	..	..	3	..	4	182	6	..
12	Red Deer.....	119	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	118	..	1
13	Victoria.....	51	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	51	..	..
14	Jasper.....	162	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	2	156	..	6
15	Wetaskiwin.....	106	2	1	1	3	1	4	5	..	3	101	..	5
16	Mountain View..	61	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	61	..	..
17	Nanton.....	86	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	86	..	..
18	Britannia.....	84	1	1	1	..	..	2	6	..	1	76	..	8
19	Cornerstone.....	138	..	..	1	4	1	4	..	..	2	137	..	1
20	Carstairs.....	*45	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	41	..	4
21	King Hiram.....	87	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	..	79	..	8
22	Corinthian.....	150	5	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	154	4	..
23	Calgary.....	191	1	..	..	1	..	13	5	..	2	173	..	18
24	Vermilion.....	112	4	5	5	2	..	3	14	..	1	100	..	12
25	St. John's.....	*123	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	126	3	..
26	Sentinel.....	62	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	62	..	..
27	Apollo.....	100	2	2	2	..	..	3	..	..	1	98	..	2
28	Ashlar.....	180	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	3	168	..	12
29	Kenilworth.....	89	..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	78	..	11
30	Summit.....	55	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	2	51	..	4
31	Doric.....	*49	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	48	..	1
32	Cairo.....	*78	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	75	..	3
33	Stavely.....	55	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	55	..	..
34	Star of the West..	59	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	2	51	..	8
35	Mizpah.....	137	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	134	..	3
36	Gleichen.....	76	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	77	1	..
37	Camrose.....	99	3	3	3	5	1	3	3	..	1	101	2	..
38	Hope.....	45	2	1	1	..	..	2	5	..	..	40	..	5
39	Lethbridge.....	146	3	3	3	1	..	..	4	..	2	144	..	2
40	Joppa.....	49	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	47	..	2
41	King Solomon.....	36	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	3	..
42	Bowden.....	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	49	..	1
43	Tuscan.....	63	..	..	..	1	..	2	9	..	1	52	..	11
44	Buffalo Park.....	78	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	1	77	..	1

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45	Ionic.....	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	1
46	Palestine.....	54	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	55	1	..
47	Chinook.....	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	1
48	Crossfield.....	55	3	..	1	1	3	3	2	..	3	54	..	1
49	Robert Burns...	32	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	..
50	Comet.....	34	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	1	30	..	4
51	Unity.....	375	2	1	1	2	2	8	34	..	6	333	..	42
53	Strathmore.....	74	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	..	72	..	2
54	Mount Lebanon.	198	1	1	2	..	1	5	1	..	3	191	..	7
55	Bassano.....	71	2	1	..	1	..	6	5	..	1	62	..	9
56	Beaver.....	62	3	1	1	..	1	3	..	..	..	63	1	..
57	Grassy Lake.....	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..
58	Chief Mountain..	37	2	2	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	37	..	..
59	King George.....	276	4	4	4	1	..	3	7	1	..	270	..	6
60	Acme.....	49	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	46	..	3
61	Provost.....	54	2	1	1	..	..	1	6	..	..	49	..	5
62	Coal.....	29	..	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	32	3	..
63	Empire.....	125	2	1	1	1	2	8	10	..	3	109	..	16
64	Bow Island.....	65	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	61	..	4
65	Diamond City...	43	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	43	..	..
66	St. Andrews.....	56	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	58	2	..
67	Charity.....	74	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	73	..	1
68	Edson.....	143	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	..	1	137	..	6
69	Connaught.....	35	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	37	2	..
70	Quarry.....	42	2	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	45	3	..
71	Tawatinaw.....	46	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	44	..	2
72	Coronation.....	96	1	1	1	5	..	4	5	..	4	89	..	7
73	Brooks.....	97	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	94	..	3
74	Vulcan.....	92	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	1	90	..	2
75	Harmony.....	37	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	34	..	3
76	Fidelity.....	79	2	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	78	..	1
77	Strathcona.....	164	1	1	1	3	1	4	3	..	3	159	..	5
78	Hanna.....	87	..	..	..	2	..	2	7	..	1	79	..	8
79	Morning Star....	33	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	33	..	..
80	Excelsior.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	25	..	1
81	Commercial.....	176	3	2	2	1	1	2	7	..	3	169	..	7
82	Acadia.....	39	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	40	1	..
83	Zetland.....	223	5	5	3	7	..	11	3	..	2	219	..	4
84	Champion.....	49	1	1	1	..	1	..	7	..	1	43	..	6
86	Rocky Mountain.	63	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	63	..	..
87	Crescent.....	218	1	2	2	1	..	2	2	..	1	215	..	3
88	Wahpun.....	*39	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	39	..	..
89	Peace River.....	66	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	2	67	1	..

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90	Norwood.....	94	3	3	3	3	1	5	..	..	1	95	1	..
91	Patricia.....	285	1	3	2	..	..	5	9	..	1	271	..	14
92	Saskatchewan...	111	3	3	3	2	1	3	3	..	..	111	..	..
93	Symbol.....	162	3	3	2	3	4	5	5	..	..	162	..	..
94	Lamont.....	48	..	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	46	..	2
95	Kitchener.....	30	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	..
96	Dynamic.....	37	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	..
97	Albion.....	31	4	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	36	5	..
98	Hand Hill.....	45	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	46	1	..
100	Verdigris.....	56	2	2	2	2	..	1	3	..	..	56	..	..
101	West Edmonton	*118	1	1	2	..	2	2	13	..	..	106	..	12
102	Edgerton.....	24	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	21	..	3
103	Foremost.....	32	6	5	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	40	8	..
104	Oven.....	41	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	40	..	1
105	Grande Prairie..	90	..	..	..	1	1	2	7	..	2	81	..	9
106	Lake Saskatoon	51	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	52	1	..
107	Carbon.....	54	2	2	2	..	1	2	1	..	..	54	..	..
108	Pyramid.....	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	31	..	4
109	Ancient Landmark....	40	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	39	..	1
110	Kilwinning.....	34	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	..	..
111	Nobleford.....	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	26	..	1
112	Victory.....	24	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	19	..	5
113	Cyprus.....	52	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	45	..	7
114	Westlock.....	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..
115	Crocus.....	38	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	38	..	..
116	Spirit River....	67	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	62	..	5
117	Dominion.....	93	8	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	101	8	..
118	St. Mark's.....	111	1	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	105	..	6
119	York.....	104	5	5	5	..	1	3	..	..	1	106	2	..
120	Monitor.....	38	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	36	..	2
122	Rising Sun.....	61	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	55	..	6
123	Rockyford.....	46	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	44	..	2
124	Concord.....	112	..	..	..	..	3	5	4	..	..	106	..	6
125	Cavell.....	43	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	36	..	7
126	Pembina.....	34	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	1	..
127	Granite.....	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	..	..
128	Forestburg.....	38	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	37	..	1
129	Meridian.....	44	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	43	..	1
130	Hussar.....	37	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	38	1	..
131	Kitscoty.....	32	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	28	..	4
132	Craigmyle.....	28	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	25	..	3
133	Manyberries.....	32	4	3	3	..	1	1	1	..	1	34	2	..
134	Renfrew.....	120	3	3	3	1	..	7	3	..	1	113	..	7

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135	Alliance	29	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	27	..	2
136	Cresset	33	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	1
137	Irricana	57	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	55	..	2
138	Onoway	30	1	1	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	26	..	4
139	Melrose	28	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	25	..	3
140	Big Valley	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	..	..
141	Efficiency	35	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	34	..	1
142	Ivanhoe	167	2	..	1	4	..	3	..	..	1	169	2	..
143	Jasper Park	94	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	86	..	8
144	Gratton	35	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	32	..	3
145	St. Alban's	55	2	3	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	56	1	..
146	Drumheller	64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	..
147	Northland	32	2	2	2	3	..	1	2	..	..	34	2	..
148	Mayerthorpe	32	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	31	..	1
149	Rosebud	23	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	20	..	3
150	Donalda	18	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	19	1	..
151	Lochearn	57	1	1	1	1	..	5	..	..	3	51	..	6
152	Standard	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..
153	Whitecourt	27	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	1	..
154	Waskatenau	16	3	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	17	1	..
155	Earl Haig	28	4	4	5	2	..	2	..	..	..	32	4	..
156	Hythe	22	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	22	..	..
157	Sharon	23	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	..
158	Berry Creek	39	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	37	..	2
159	Lucerene	18	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	1	..
160	Sexsmith	22	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	24	2	..
		12561	195	170	169	119	50	315	294	1	159	12156	83	488

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Missouri	Arthur Mather	Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena. [Louis]
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
Nevada	V. M. Henderson	Masonic Temple, Reno
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Ritchies' Building, St. John.
New Hampshire	H. M. Cheney	3 North Main St., Concord.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Masonic Temple, Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	David Cunningham	Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York	Chas. H. Johnson	Masonic Hall, New York City.
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	P.O. Box 1684, Wellington, C.I.
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Norway	E. L. Hansen	Nedre Vollgate 19, Oslo.
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	E. 5th St., Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	C. A. Sturgeon	Guthrie.
Oregon	D. R. Cheney	Masonic Temple, Portland
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands	T. M. Kalaw	P.O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island	Chas. M. Williams	P.O. Box 104, Charlottetown
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal.
Queensland	L. P. Marks	Masonic Hall, Alice Street, Brisbane.
Rhode Island	Harold L. McAuslan	Freemasons' Hall, Providence.
Roumania (United Freemasonry)	Emile I. Papiniu	Bucharest.
Saskatchewan	W. B. Tate	Box 246, Regina.
Scotland	T. G. Winning	Freemasons' Hall, 96 George St., Edinaburgh
South Australia	Chas. R. J. Glover	Box X19, Rundie St., Adelaide.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	117 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
Tennessee	T. E. Doss	Nashville
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Waco.
Utah	S. H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Archie S. Harriman	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Victoria	William Stewart	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Virginia	Jas. M. Clift	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma.
West Australia	A. E. Jensen	Freemasons' Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	Geo. E. Laidley	Charleston.
Wisconsin	Wm. F. Weiler	790 North Van Buren St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Jos. M. Lowndes	Masonic Temple, Casper.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

Deceased:

Deceased:

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. R. M. McCool (48)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Hyland (64)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. B. Mitchell (12)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. Hamilton (80)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance.
No. 139	McIrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Millar (40)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Iron Springs
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Ross (6)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. M. Scott (140)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Monitor
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley
No. 150	Donalda.....	Donalda

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. J. Dickson (110)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Gilbert McQueen (74)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour (91)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. F. Clark (156)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Winning (158)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. C. Smith (60)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Jas. W. Harrison (93)

No. 93	Symbol	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. B. W. Richardson (69)

No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: If a committee appointed on the application of a brother, who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavorably, has the W.M. power to declare him rejected?
Answer: No. Lodge must make decision and by written ballot. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
32. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
33. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

34. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
- Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
39. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.
40. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?
- Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.
41. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

43. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.

REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., *Chairman*

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta. A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

In presenting the following review of the Proceedings of Jurisdictions with which we maintain fraternal relations, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence wishes to extend to the members of this Committee his cordial thanks, first for their unanimous presentation of his name to the Grand Master for appointment as Chairman of the Committee and second, for their continued and cordial assistance in the preparation of these reviews, without which assistance the report would hardly have been possible. These reviewers are:

M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock
M. M. Bro. M. M. Downey
R. W. Bro. C. V. Bennett
R. W. Bro. W. Ireland

From the many reviews presented some general trends may be established and while naturally there are several viewpoints on the subjects selected for special mention, a perusal of the reviews will indicate that most of the Jurisdictions are facing common problems.

Among the Jurisdictions in the United States, the commonest reference is to the relationship of Freemasonry to the sale of alcoholic liquors. Most Codes in the United States prohibit membership to any individual engaged in the sale of liquor and most of these Codes are now faced with the Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. More or less confusing is the result and while Grand Masters and Grand Lodges everywhere are grappling gallantly with the puzzle, it is one which will continue to create difficulties among our brethren for some time to come.

Losses in membership still exercise all of the Jurisdictions and while there is generally a more hopeful tone in the comments of Grand Masters, one can read that continuing losses are giving some concern in more than a few of the Grand Lodges in the United States.

The flood of suspensions for non-payment of dues seems to have abated somewhat and more than one Grand Lodge reports that reinstatements are catching up.

The depression years still leave wreckage in the failure of over-ambitious temples in the smaller centres. These failures must be regarded as warning signals to lodges and Jurisdictions everywhere that the cost should be counted and recounted before ventures in temple building are attempted.

Masonic Education continues to be a live topic in most Grand Jurisdictions. Some Grand Lodges report gratifying success, others are not so sure, but one thing seems evident, Masonic Education is a costly business and of doubtful value in reaching more than a minor fraction of the membership of most Jurisdictions.

The lamentable situation of Freemasonry under the iron heel of Dictatorship and more covert persecution in European countries is sympathetically commented upon here and there, but the problem is too great for solution without some sort of united action and that to all appearance seems to be so remote at the present time as to be out as practical action.

The reviews may, of necessity, err on the side of brevity, but all are worth perusal by members everywhere and your Committee is convinced that many a profitable hour might be spent in reading not only the reviews presented but the Proceedings from which they were prepared.

An index to the Proceedings reviewed appears at the end of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED
FOR 1935

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| 6. Canada in Ontario | 39. North Carolina |
| 7. Colorado | 40. North Dakota |
| 8. Connecticut | 41. Nova Scotia |
| 9. Delaware | 42. Ohio |
| 10. Dist. of Columbia | 43. Oklahoma |
| 11. England | 44. Oregon |
| 12. Florida | 45. Pennsylvania |
| 13. Georgia | 46. Philippine Islands |
| 14. Idaho | 47. Prince Edward Island |
| 15. Illinois | 48. Quebec |
| 16. Indiana | 49. Queensland |
| 17. Iowa | 50. Rhode Island |
| 18. Ireland | 51. Saskatchewan |
| 19. Kansas | 52. Scotland |
| 20. Kentucky | 53. South Australia |
| 21. Maine | 54. South Dakota |
| 22. Manitoba | 55. Tasmania. |
| 23. Maryland | 56. Texas |
| 24. Massachusetts | 57. Utah |
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| 27. Minnesota | 60. Virginia |
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ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication; M. W. Bro. Samuel A. Moore, Grand Master.

Alberta's representative was present.

An economy of words in Grand Lodge produced the smallest volume of Proceedings we have yet seen, actually only sixty pages devoted to the Annual Communication. Others might learn by "inwardly digesting" the idea.

During the year one valiant Past Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Miller, was summoned to join the innumerable caravan.

It would appear that some years ago in a moment of nodding, Grand Lodge agreed to "back" a Masonic Club at a University in Tuscaloosa. As a rule "backing" usually means "back-firing" and this was no exception. It has been costing Grand Lodge \$770.00 per year to forify a mortgage and they decided this year that they had had enough, and the mortgagor takes the property.

Masonic Homes are usually justified on the grounds of service to needy humanity. Vigilance sees to it that only the needy are admitted, but once in a long while errors are discovered. An aged inmate of the Alabama Home died. There were no relatives, and on going through his effects the Superintendent found two bank books showing deposits of \$2,751.00. Quite properly the funds were claimed and appropriated for the use of the Home.

Grand Master Moore points out a condition existing in certain lodges in many jurisdictions: "It has been my sad experience to find lodges badly in debt, unable to pay their Grand Lodge dues and Home assessment, violating the law by using fees and dues which should be set aside for Grand Lodge purposes to pay interest on mortgages, unable to do any Masonic charity, and often forfeiting their charters by reason of having built expensive halls and incurring debts far beyond their means to pay." As a remedy he recommends certain supervision over lodges incurring such debts.

Rather an unusual occurrence was the impeachment of a Master and suspension by the Grand Master. Alberta's procedure must await the expiry of the Master's term before charges are heard.

No review of Foreign Proceedings is reported this year.

Lodges, 485. Membership, 28,611 (Ministers 1,297). Loss, 796.

Grand Master—Coke S. Wright.

Grand Secretary—Guy T. Smith.

V. H. M.

ARIZONA

Fifty-third Annual Communication held at Prescott, March, 13th 1935.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Whetstine.

Lodges, 39. Members, 5,868. Loss, 302.

Alberta was not represented.

In discussing Freemasonry in our day and generation Grand Master Whetstone uses the following illustrative comment in opening his address:

"As our institution is symbolic, let one of our great electric engines be the symbol of modern progress and modern living. Its power is electricity, unchanged since creation itself. To direct its power much has to be built up about it, new appliances, new devices, and repairs and adjustments. Much of the engine that is in use today may even be discarded or replaced, as the future may find to best extend and direct its power.

"It is so with our Masonry. We may from time to time have to change some of those outward insignificant things about our lodge work and our lodge activities. But as the real power, electricity, remains unchanged, so does the real Masonry since the dawn of the world remain unchanged as a fundamental and necessary power of true life. Its existence could be smothered, its name could be changed, but those unchangeable forces and fundamental principles of Masonry, which in our humble way we are trying to serve today, must remain unchanged and must remain the same necessary force, must remain the same Masonic light in a world of darkness, directing richer purposes and worthwhile things in life throughout all unborn ages.

"Our crying need is for foresight, leadership and service in the Masonic world to direct, and clothe and guide this unchangeable Masonry."

A series of Secretaries Conferences is reported and the Grand Secretary says:

"Many of the problems relating to the work of the Secretaries with that of the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge were discussed and from the improvement shown in the returns from the lodges, over other years, there is no doubt that these conferences were beneficial."

From the Grand Secretaries Conference comes "a strong sentiment for a uniform form of Demit and Transfer."

To the mathematically minded we strongly commend Bro. Heman Burr Leonard's dissertation on the Forty-seventh Proposition of the First Book of Euclid.

A Lodge, Grand Canyon U.D., received its charter as No. 40.

Alberta receives generous and friendly notice in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We observe that a number of Jurisdictions are using the Committee method of preparing reviews, thus dividing the labor and injecting a variety of comment which is decidedly interesting.

Fifty-fourth Annual Communication to be held at Phoenix, March 11th, 1936.

Grand Master—Everett H. McEachren, Miami.

Grand Secretary—Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.

A. M. M.

ARKANSAS

M. W. Bro. James B. Bunn, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas presided over the Ninety-fourth Communication held in the City of Little Rock on Tuesday, 19th November, 1935.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the State of Oklahoma Grand Lodge were among the distinguished visitors.

The Address of the Grand Master contains an account of his stewardship and forms interesting reading. Arkansas, bordering on the State of Oklahoma, it was decided that a joint meeting be held at Joplin where the beauties of the Third Degree were exhibited by a Team from Oklahoma. The Grand Master of Missouri also was in attendance at the Joplin meeting. The liquor question called for comment by the Grand Master. Grand Master Bunn spent some time in reading the Fraternal Correspondence and from the knowledge gained he exhorts his brethren to follow his example. It is good to know that the work of the reviewer is not in vain.

M. W. Bro. W. A. Thomas presented his first report as Grand Secretary, which is a very readable document. We learn from it that seventeen lodges had their charters arrested or voluntarily surrendered them on account of their inability to function. A large percentage of the members of these defunct lodges seem to have found their way into other lodges. Mention is made of the District Deputys and the good work being done by them. In this jurisdiction they are paid the sum of \$5.00 for one visit to each lodge in their district.

The advantages of mergers of lodges is gradually becoming apparent and the Grand Secretary reports that there is quite a tendency for weak lodges to get together and make one strong lodge, a feature which we think will become more common in the future, and doubtless to the good of Masonry in general.

The charitable work of Arkansas centers round their Home and the report of the Superintendent discloses a very satisfactory and happy condition with good results being attained.

The spread of atheistic propaganda in this jurisdiction has caused some uneasiness with the result that the Grand Master appointed a special committee on the subject. This committee did not make a report as a committee, but Bro. Durand Whipple submitted a minority report which covers some eight pages of the Proceedings, which would go to show that insidious propaganda is being instilled into the minds of the youth in so called commonwealth movements, which has a tendency to undermine the moral fibre of their adherents. A discussion of this kind may or may not be advantageous, but it would at least have the effect of arousing the members of that Grand Lodge to their sense of responsibility in matters of this kind.

The Grand Orient of Brazil has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for a great many years, but the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in their report recommended that this be withdrawn owing to the fact that they do not require a belief in a Supreme Being from their initiates. The request of recognition from the several states of Brazil was held over for further investigation.

A most unique and fitting celebration in the annals of Grand Lodges was the reception given to M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey

on his attaining his Fiftieth Anniversary as a Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas. We extend our fraternal greetings and congratulations to M. W. Bro. Humphrey and trust he will have many happy days still to labour among his brethren.

The Grand Orator Bro. J. T. Coston, delivered his address taking as his subject "The Spirit of Masonry." Certain sections of it are purely local in character, but the address is worthy of being read and students of Masonry can find here many thoughts capable of being further developed.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that the charters of three lodges who have failed to attend a session of Grand Lodge for five years be arrested.

A peculiar case was reported by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances wherein a brother was tried, convicted and expelled without introducing any evidence against him or having him appear at the trial or represented by counsel. Needless to say the committee recommended that the action of the lodge be set aside.

In a few well chosen words M. W. Bro. Conrad N. Glover, newly installed Grand Master, addressed his Grand Lodge and outlined his policy for the coming year.

No correspondence is published by Arkansas.

Conrad N. Glover, Grand Master.

W. A. Thomas, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at New Westminster on 20th June, 1935, presided over by M. W. Bro. George L. Cassidy, the Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. J. H. Greer.

Letters of congratulation and greeting were received from various Grand Representatives including M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

M. W. Bro. J. T. Wood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, was welcomed.

The address of the Grand Chaplain is not included in the Proceedings so that we are unfortunately unable to comment on or quote from it.

The Grand Master's address is very readable, eminently sensible and indicates a year of busy, efficient service.

The following is worthy of reproduction, indicating as it does the fact that the constituent lodges in British Columbia have a proper realization of their responsibilities in benevolent activities.

"On your behalf without delay I tendered the assistance of Grand Lodge, financial or otherwise, to our constituent Lodges to enable them to deal with the distress of their brethren.

"Unknown to each other, and without exception, every Lodge replied with gratitude for the assistance offered, but, to the effect that 'When they had done what they were able' themselves, they would turn to Grand Lodge without hesitation but not before."

The Grand Master was in the happy position of not being called on to make any rulings during his year of office.

He refers to the co-operation shown to British Columbia by the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Grand Master of that jurisdiction attended a number of meetings in British Columbia.

The Grand Master attended fourteen District Meetings.

In his conclusion the Grand Master says:

"With our high ideals of charity and honour, aided by the moral force implanted in our hearts, do we not remember with pride and thankfulness that vital ingredient of our happiness, our 'Freedom.'

" 'Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.'

"That the application of this freedom (of such priceless value to us) may be in loyal service unobtrusively performed by us all, is the tenor of my message to you at this time."

The implications of this paragraph are really momentous in a day and age when personal freedom and liberty of action are slowly but surely being restricted. We ought to be more awake to this fact than we really are.

The net loss in membership was 393 and the total amount expended for relief was \$25,940.52.

In spite of the loss in membership the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate a healthy condition throughout the jurisdiction.

The District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 11 visited at Golden on 21st September and reports the attendance of several members who drove from Field, a distance of 338 miles.

The Board of Benevolence has this pertinent comment:

"In this connection we would draw to the attention of the Lodges one outstanding fact, that is, many Lodges are operating under yearly dues that are not sufficient for their running expenses, leaving out the question of benevolence entirely."

We seem to have heard the same remark in other jurisdictions, including our own.

As usual the Report of the Grand Historian is of high excellence and should be widely read. Here is a work that is simply invaluable. Had this task been delayed or neglected much priceless information would have been lost for ever while in fact it is now being compiled into a permanent record. Perhaps we have made a similar remark before but in any case it can bear repetition in the hope that other jurisdictions will follow suit before it is too late.

The report includes biographic studies and a history in detail of the founding of Victoria Lodge and Ionic Lodge. A facsimile of

the original warrant to Victoria Lodge granted in 1860 appears in the report and there are photographs of the first, second and present meeting places of Mountain View Lodge at Golden.

M. W. Bro. Beck proposed:

"That no Masonic Funeral service shall be conducted where any other public rite or ceremony, religious or otherwise, be held over the deceased."

The motion was lost. We realize that the motion was somewhat drastic if in fact it was not revolutionary. We also wonder if it was lost because it was not drastic enough. Personally we would approve of the resolution if all the words from "Where" to "held" were eliminated. Our iconoclastic view is that Masonic funerals so far as the public are concerned should be limited to the attendance of the members at the religious ceremony (in a body if you will) without regalia. We have been waiting for a long time for an opportunity of expressing this view and we are obliged to M. W. Bro. Beck for raising the question.

One of the highlights of the Proceedings is the report of R. W. Bro. W. S. Buell, dealing with the vexed question of petitions for membership from men who were maimed in the Great War. With much respect we cannot see any difference between a man maimed in a war of arms and a man maimed while at work in the economic war of making a living for himself, his wife and family. British Columbia has in the past adhered rigidly to the physical requirements laid down by the Ancient Charges and have not been slow to comment on other jurisdictions which have departed from that standard. The report deals with the subject thoroughly and sympathetically and while Bro. Buell makes no definite recommendation we gather that his conclusions are:

- (1) No hard and fast rule can be laid down.
- (2) There can be no objection to the acceptance of an application from a maimed ex-service man if the defect does not render him incapable of learning and thereafter being able to explain and exemplify.

In effect this leaves the whole problem to the good sense and judgment of the Grand Master who must grant the dispensation.

If our analysis of Bro. Buell's report is correct then we most heartily agree, only the principle should not be limited to ex-service men. The report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence whose findings we await with much interest.

An important amendment to the Constitution was adopted, namely, that the Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Grand Master and a Committee.

This of course, is the very negation of democracy, but then so often the decision of a democratic body is like,

"The right divine of kings
To govern wrong."

Generally wrong, and so we think the change a wise and sensible one.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from the keen analytical pen of M. W. Bro. DeWolf Smith is, as always, a delight to read. Alberta is kindly and generously noted.

G.M.B.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication: M. W. Bro. Randolph V. Whiting, Grand Master.

571 chartered lodges were represented by 1,513 officers. After the Grand Master had welcomed many distinguished visitors, Grand Lodge opened with a short devotional service, lead by the Grand Chaplain.

The Chaplain's message made reference to the great engineering feat of the San Francisco-Oakland bridge. The skill, genius and power, hydraulic and electrical, involved, could not of itself pull one single man out of the gutter and put him on his feet. Such a mechanical miracle needs something else. It needs spiritual power; it needs God; it needs the kind of spiritual truths taught in Masonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Grand Master Whiting attended the annual conference of Grand Masters held in Washington and includes the agenda in his report:

1. Lodge attendance. How may it be improved? What methods to secure increased attendance are most effective?
 - (a) Masonic lectures and addresses.
 - (b) Programs of entertainment.
2. Lodge dues. What methods of collection have been found most effective? In what manner may Grand Lodge assist?
3. Limits. A survey of several regulations. Is greater uniformity in jurisdictional practice desirable?
4. Masonic Burial Service. How may present tendency to decline such service be counteracted? Is service too long or its content objectionable in any way?
5. The Eighteenth Amendment. Relative to petitioners connected with the liquor business and present members so engaged.
6. New World Conditions. Should Masonry endeavor to adapt itself to meet changed conditions in the outer world?
7. Interjurisdictional Relief.
8. United States Constitution.

Interesting decisions rendered included:

"I was asked to determine whether a Secretary or Master of a lodge has the right to issue a letter of standing of a member in the lodge without the consent or request of that member. The information was sought by a sister of a member for the purpose of joining the Eastern Star. Answer: I ruled that neither the Secretary nor the Master had any right without the consent or request of the member to furnish such information." One feels that he should have gone further and ruled that non-Masons are not entitled to information of any kind with respect to standing of members.

Roundly condemning lodges involved in financial difficulties through building schemes and where they were endeavoring to escape from their obligations, the Grand Master says, "I desire to say that

I have no sympathy with any Masonic group which does not meet such a situation squarely and perform its obligations to the full extent of its ability. Any other course by a group or individual Mason reflects no credit upon the Craft."

The scope of Masonic activities and their limits received the following comment:

"Masonry enjoins the obligation of patriotism and good citizenship on its members and I believe the discussion of such subjects is within the range of our activities."

"Complaints have been made during the year about activities of groups in organizations which prescribe membership in the Blue Lodge as a prerequisite to membership in those organizations, which activities it is claimed tend to bring Masonry into disrepute. Those activities in a general way may be described as resorting to games of chance to raise funds for the particular organization and the staging of indecent performances. The groups particularly complained of are the Shriners and Scio's."

After enlarging on the matter he recommends that where objectionable activities are discovered that a ban be placed upon such organization and Master Masons be forbidden to join or become members.

There is a weak link in the chain of Masonic benevolence no matter how it is dispensed, and it is soon discovered by those upon whom is placed the responsibility of distribution. Brother Whiting points it out thus: "While the Homes are performing a wonderful service, the lodges which place children or old people in them, I am sorry to say, are not doing their part in one regard. There is too little interest thereafter maintained in these people."

Many Masons are not temperamentally or mentally qualified to act as Master of their lodge. When they occasionally succeed in arriving at that office disharmony and dissension occur. More care in placing that type in the official line is recommended and "It would be a good practice for lodges to try out officers up to and through the office of Senior Deacon, and if such officer does not by that time indicate qualities fitting him for the position of Master, he should be eliminated." M. W. Bro. Whiting also says: "My experience as Grand Master has taught me that there are too many Masters who are either unqualified or are negligent or weak in the discharge of their duties. A Master's position is one not only of dignity but of extreme importance."

In his addresses to lodges the Grand Master took up much of his time dealing with patriotism and government, and referred largely to the subversive activities of the Communist Party of America, dominated as it is by the Third Internationale of Russia. He quotes from a report of the House of Representatives a definition of communism as an organization, political and world wide, advocating: 1. Hatred of God and all forms of religion. 2. Destruction of private property and inheritance. 3. Absolute racial and social equality, promotion of class hatred. 4. Revolutionary propaganda through the Communist Internationale, stirring up communistic activities in foreign countries, strikes, riots, sabotage, bloodshed and civil war. 5. Destruction of all forms of representative or democratic governments, including civil liberties such as freedom of speech, of the press, of assembly and trial by jury.

6. The ultimate and final objective is by means of world revolution to establish dictatorship of the so-called proletariat into one world union of soviet socialist republic with the capital at Moscow.

The matter of Masonic funerals is receiving attention in many jurisdictions. Modes of living and thinking are continually in a state of flux, which of course makes it possible for humanity to push on to what we believe to be higher and better forms of civilization. Therefore it is not strange that to some extent at least our ideas over those which prevailed a generation ago have changed with respect to what should be said and done in paying our last tribute of respect to departed brethren. Burial service rituals are being revised. Some searching is being done to discover why Masonic burial is so seldom sought by those whom the Craft would delight to so honor. The Grand Lecturer mentions such delinquencies as slovenly dressed brethren, unduly long ceremonies, poorly delivered ritual and last but most regrettable, irreverent conduct at the graveside.

Rules of entry to the Homes were reconsidered and among them we notice that one important consideration before admission is that the lodge shall guarantee the necessary funeral expenses in case of death during residence. Also, five years membership is required before a case can be considered.

A rather interesting side light on the Children's Home is their plan to provide work for the children about the place, for which they are paid on a fixed basis. Earnings average about \$1.35 per week, out of which each child is expected to pay for his clothing and incidentals. All have an equal opportunity as nearly as can be arranged for work, but they show surprising differences in their earnings and financial status. Among them are rich and poor, misers and beggars. Radical economists should read, mark and inwardly digest.

A lengthy report is found on the sixteenth annual observance of "Public Schools Week," through the State by the Craft. Local programs and school demonstrations are worked out in each community by the lodge and school authorities and such other organizations as desire to join in. The "Week" was eminently successful. Canadian people are undemonstrative and the "Week Demonstration" idea has not had much appeal to our public. Participation of the Craft here, of course, would not be permissible, no matter how worthy the object.

Clandestine Masonry is a source of annoyance in California. Peaceful penetration from Mexico has brought with it several varieties of Masonry for both men and women; they have two negro Grand Lodges and co-Masonic bodies.

An additional 75 cents per capita was adopted to assist in Home maintenance. Grand Lodge has a slight deficit on 50 cents per capita and the Home Building Fund receives another 50 cents.

Membership, 129,326. Dues remitted, 6,312. Loss, 3,005.

Grand Master, Earl Warren. Grand Secretary, John Whicher.

V.H.M.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eightieth Annual Communication was held in the City of Hamilton on Wednesday, 17th July, 1935, M. W. Bro. Frank A. Copus, Grand Master, presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.

Addresses of welcome were tendered by the Mayor of the City, himself a member of the Order, and by W. Bro. McQueen on behalf of the Masters of the thirty-three lodges in the Hamilton Districts, to both of which the Grand Master replied.

The Grand Master of Quebec, the Grand Master and Senior Warden of Manitoba, the Grand Master of Alberta, the Grand Master of Massachusetts, the Grand Chaplain of British Columbia and other distinguished guests were welcomed.

The Grand Master's Address is a lengthy document and covers an infinite variety of topics—with existing panaceas for the cure of all ills, democracy, economics, the King's Jubilee, patriotism, the development of a sturdy Canadianism, public finance and business morality, initiation fees and dues, Masonic plays and their value, method of electing District Deputy Grand Masters, Lodge notices and so on to a conclusion voicing hope and courage. A most striking address, Most Worshipful Sir, for which we tender our sincere congratulations. Bold, courageous ideas and ideals are expressed in choice and fearless language. The title page of the Proceedings bears the usual admonition "to be read in all lodges" and those Masters in Ontario who fail in this duty are depriving their membership of much that is useful, true and good. It is difficult to decide what to quote and what to leave out, and few extracts must suffice:

"I would that you and I might here and now seek if haply we might recapture that white flame, that first fine rapture of devotion that characterized our entry to the Craft. I would that each of us from the Grand Master to the latest Entered Apprentice might catch a new, a nobler Vision."

An admonition much needed—an ideal hard to attain in a day of cut throat competition and self seeking, but if ideals are not kept before us then we have no mark to shoot at.

In speaking of the need of a new system of social justice the Grand Master says:

"In so far as this new social consciousness can be controlled and directed along sound humanitarian lines it is to be welcomed. But to the extent that it is capable of misdirection and abuse by political demagogues and by agitators of the baser sort it constitutes a new and most disquieting public peril.

"The danger is very real. A period of economic distress has always provided a happy hunting ground for cranks and agitators and demagogues—and never more so than today. And so we have the preachers of the mad-dog theories of a false democracy."

The Grand Master is alive to the insidious processes which are at work today driving us closer and closer to a form of government which is inimical to that which every Anglo-Saxon prizes—a personal liberty in its widest sense.

The sum of \$1,000.00 was contributed to the King's Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund.

In accordance with the admonition in the Ancient Charges is the Grand Master's observation:

"In this connection I wish to express most emphatically my conviction that our lodges might well concern themselves in more adequately fostering the evidences of our devotion to the Crown and to the Empire. Subversive and disloyal elements were perhaps never more insidiously active than at present and therefore it is doubly important that in every way and on every possible occasion public attention should be directed to the fact that the heart of Canada beats warm and true to Britain and to British ideals."

He follows this up with the recommendation that every lodge should make provision for an Empire Night for the development of our British and our Empire background and the problems of Canadian citizenship. He stresses the thought that we make sure that this great land of ours shall remain the home of that British freedom that is attained only by due submission to law and order.

Having voiced similar sentiments throughout our own Province we are naturally delighted to have them so ably and forcefully enunciated by the Grand Master in Ontario.

The Grand Master thinks it is time we revised our ideas on Municipal and Governmental Finance. He thinks posterity will have no reason to admire our "fairness or honesty in matters of public financing." He points out that the investor in Canada is composed mostly of hard working and provident citizens who have saved against the day of old age. They too pay the taxes and generally are the backbone of the country and are rewarded by governments forgetting them except as a source of further taxation.

This is a scathing indictment and unfortunately all too true. Incidentally we cannot expect to develop and build up a code of business morality when governments openly flout their solemn obligations.

He depreciates the tendency to reduce initiation fees and annual dues and quotes "that which is lightly gained by us is least esteemed."

He comments on the reluctance of lodges to assume responsibility in conducting Masonic trials and deprecates the increasing demands for commissions to undertake this admittedly unpleasant task. One method of discouraging this practice would be to ask the lodges to pay the costs of the commission. The Grand Master asks the appropriate Grand Lodge committee to examine the subject and report at the next meeting.

The "rotation" system of electing the District Deputy Grand Master comes in for well merited criticism. Personally we think the Grand Master should appoint these officers.

He concludes his address on this high note:

"Let us replace these old, unhappy conditions with a new spirit of mutual helpfulness and of brotherhood, a brotherhood that shall include all who sincerely desire an end to present unhappiness. Let it be Masonry's high task to dedicate herself to a mission of reconciliation, a spiritual reunion with men of goodwill everywhere, rich

and poor. Jew and Gentile, Roman Catholic and Protestant, employer and employee, differing in so many respects but alike in this, that we are all children of a common Father and therefore brethren, fellow pilgrims towards the light of that better day we all so passionately desire."

Appropriate reference is made to the passing of M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Grand Master from July 1898-1900 and for thirty-nine years Grand Treasurer.

Benevolent grants from Grand Lodge amounted to the sum of \$118,425.00 and the estimated grants from lodges was placed at \$130,000.00, a total of \$248,425.00. A magnificent record.

There is a lengthy report from the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. The Committee is gratified and encouraged to find, "That the condition of the Craft is generally satisfactory." They report an ever increasing interest in educational work but stress the need of an officer in every lodge "a Lodge Historian" who would prepare annually a record of the work and progress of his lodge.

During the year the Committee on Masonic Education completed a manual on the Second Degree and sent it to the supervisors and instructors in the various districts. A similar Manual on the Third Degree is promised. Supervisors are appointed in each district by the Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Master and each supervisor becomes responsible for a small number of lodges. We must quote one sentence from the report:

"Mature men now realize that education did not end with school or college days but that it is a life-long process. If we would excel, we must learn. If we would be happy, we must learn. If we would understand present-day conditions in the light of the history of the past, so that we may look forward with hope and confidence to the future, we must learn, we must study, we must read, we must discuss, we must ask questions."

And the committee goes on to point out that this is equally true of Masonry. The Committee further emphasizes that Masonic meetings should be purely Masonic and that in our meetings we should not have addresses on economics, psychology, etc. We agree.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters cover 222 pages. They constitute a permanent and worthy record of these hard working officials who too often are not properly recognized. One District Deputy Grand Master refers to an unpleasant duty, namely, to request the resignation of the Master of a Lodge. Our impression of Masonic law is that a Master cannot resign. Was this just an easy method of avoiding something more unpleasant? Another comments on the habit of some lodges of calling a meeting for 7:30 and opening at nine. We have been to some such meetings and can sympathize. The next one, however, will see us leaving for home at eight p.m. Several speak of ventilation or rather the lack of it. Their remarks could be termed pointed.

We were particularly interested in the report of Ancient Landmarks, No. 654. In that lodge life membership is on an actuarial basis so that the cost of such membership to a man at twenty-one is \$344.00. This is the only proper basis.

Another properly censures the Senior Warden of a lodge for failure to attend the meetings. No doubt the lodge will attend to the matter at the next election of officers.

The District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District B reports the expenditure by the lodge of \$10,580.00 in such matters as, boys assisted at school and university, hospital bills paid, homes saved, holidays, clothing necessities, etc. As the District Deputy Grand Master says, the half will never be told of Masonry's contribution towards lightening the load of its unfortunate brethren during the past few years.

This comment evoked a responsive note:

"If we could reduce perfunctory speechmaking to a minimum and provide, at each of our banquets, a worth-while address backed by entertainment which entertains, the gregarious elements in our membership would soon resume attendance."

How often do we hear some one announce that he is not a speaker. We are always willing to accept his word and do not ask him for ten or fifteen minutes of concrete evidence.

The reports are all of a high order and while generally speaking most of them are of local interest others are full of matters of wide general application.

The Proceedings conclude with the usual well written highly interesting and delightful review of Fraternal Correspondence from the pen of M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton. A complete and comprehensive job well done, in which Alberta Proceedings for 1934 are kindly and extensively reviewed.

G.M.B.

COLORADO

Grand Lodge met in its Seventy-fifth Annual Communication at Denver, on September 17th and 18th, 1935. It was opened in ample form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles A. Patton. Representatives from one hundred and thirty-six of the one hundred and forty-seven chartered lodges were present. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance. Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. William S. Pickerill, answered the roll-call.

The Grand Master presented a business-like report covering twelve pages. We notice that several lodges are reducing their fees, according to the list of by-laws approved. A number of dispensations were granted to examine and ballot the same evening. We presume that sufficient reasons were forthcoming for this step being taken. One dispensation, however, requested to permit a lodge to ballot upon three petitions at the same communication at which they were received. This was refused, and, we think, very properly so. Eighty-five lodges had been visited officially, and fourteen non-officially, during the year.

The Grand Secretary reported the number of members as of June 30th, 1935, at 3,191, a net loss of 795. This is about in keeping with every Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Benjamin C. Hilliard, delivered an oration the title of which was "The Gentle Spirit of Freemasonry," which is well worth reading, and very truly defines the spirit of Masonry.

The proficiency of officers in their work, as taken at the time of the visit of the Grand Lecturer, appears to be only average. We are particularly struck by the fact that there were sixty-four Senior Deacons unable to deliver their lectures in full.

The total amount of relief granted during the year was \$19,377.24.

All the funds, and there are many of them, appear to be in good condition. The list of suspensions for non-payment of dues occupies ten pages in the report. There were four suspensions for un-Masonic conduct and four expulsions.

The Review of Proceedings of every Grand Lodge is in the capable hands of Stanley C. Warner, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence. He reviewed sixty-three Proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. He explains that in accord with the wishes of the Grand Lodge of Colorado he does not add any personal comments, although, apparently, he is criticized in regard to this feature by some of his brother correspondents.

Alberta is given two pages of review, with generous quotations from the report of Grand Master Martland.

Kenneth O. Wood, Trinidad—Grand Master.

William W. Cooper, Denver,—Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Forty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in the City of Hartford on February 6th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. James E. Brincherhoff presiding.

R. W. Bro. Frederick F. Fisher, Grand Treasurer, Alberta's Representative was present. Speaking of Bro. Fisher the Grand Master says:

"He is more than a mere custodian of funds. He is an interested worker, not only in Grand Lodge activities, but also in the activities of the Masonic Home."

The Grand Master refers to the anti-Masonic excitement of one hundred years ago and he says in part:

"The Grand Lodge was opened in due and ample form by M. W. Bro. Leonard Hendee, Grand Master. He had been elected Junior Grand Warden in that memorable session of 1831 when, in consequence of the anti-Masonic excitement, no roll of representatives was recorded and the Grand Officers declined election and appointment.

"In the following year of 1832, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut and of the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, made public avowal of the principles of the Order and the nature and purposes of the institution. Portions of this declara-

tion are important for us to be reminded of on the occasion of this Convention of Free Masons. The declaration of principles said in part: 'Freemasonry secures its members in the freedom of thought and of speech, and permits each and every one to act according to the dictates of his own conscience in the matters of religion and his personal preferences in politics. It neither knows, nor does it assume to inflict upon its members, however wide may be their aberrations from duty, any penalties or punishments other than Admonition, Suspension and Expulsion. The obligations of the institution require of its members a strict obedience to the laws of God and man, and so far from being bound by any engagements inconsistent with the happiness and prosperity of the nation, every citizen who becomes a Mason is doubly bound to be true to his God, to his country, and to his fellow man.'

"In imitation of our forefathers entertaining such sentiments as Masons, as citizens, as Christians and as moral men, and having received 'the laws of the Society and its accumulated funds in sacred trust for charitable purposes,' we here and now re-dedicate ourselves to these fundamental truths and promise never to renounce or abandon them."

The above will be of some interest to our Alberta brethren.

We excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"Some organizations have been very effective and have developed unique plans for the collection of dues. No doubt, with the experiences of the past to guide us, we shall gradually set our houses in order; and the best way to go about it is for each Lodge to appoint a special committee on budget which will take into consideration all of the income of the lodge and appropriate it by certain reasonable percentages to the expenses of the lodge."

Grand Lodge Benevolence is carried on under the name of The Masonic Charity Foundation. It maintains a home and a hospital and its support outside of these institutions amounted to \$40,591.81 last year. The endowment Fund amounts to \$461,396.61. Total assets \$1,418,711.58.

The following Grand Lodges received recognition:

Grand Orient of Amazonas E Acre.

Grand Lodge of the State of Para, Brazil.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was accepted:

"Third, that there shall be collected from every Initiate and Affiliate from sister Grand Jurisdictions, the sum of Twenty Dollars in addition to fees required by the by-laws of Subordinate Lodges, to be paid at the time of taking the Master Mason degree or upon signing the by-laws; and that each Lodge give separate receipts for such payments, to which sum shall be paid to The Masonic Charity Foundation, to be added to and become part of its Endowment Fund, the income from said fund to be used for the general purposes of said Foundation as set forth in its charter."

M. W. Bro. George A. Kies reviews Alberta and writes very kindly of Bro. Selwood's work.

128 Lodges. Membership, 39,762. Decrease, 1,898.

M. W. Bro. Ernest L. Prann, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the City of Wilmington on October 2nd, 1935, with M. W. Bro. William O. Wingate, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta's representative, R. W. Bro. George T. Macklin, Past S. G. W., was among those present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Maryland, Rhode Island, Kentucky, District of Columbia and Minnesota. We in the West cannot boast of such an array of visitors.

Two Past Grand Masters passed away during the year.

M. W. Bro. Wingate attended the conference of Grand Masters at which forty-three Grand Jurisdictions of the United States were represented out of a total membership of forty-nine. The addresses at this conference were of a high order.

The Grand Lodge has supported the Gunning Bedford Jr. Scholarship. Since 1922, 51 students have enjoyed its advantages. The total amount paid out was \$10,893.51.

The program of Masonic Education is carried on in a manner similar to that followed in Alberta. In addition to this the Grand Lodge of Delaware presents to each initiate a copy of Claudy's "Introduction to Freemasonry."

Among the Grand Master's recommendations was the following:

"With a desire to prevent suspensions for non-payment of dues, I recommend that each Lodge be urged to use every means possible to make personal contact with delinquents by committee or otherwise."

The general Investment in connection with the Masonic Home is \$282,743.12, a splendid showing for this Grand Lodge. The expenses for the year were \$18,119.37.

The Historical Committee appears to be working and collecting data which should be valuable.

The Masonic Service Committee is encouraging the brethren to present Masonic plays. The two plays most in evidence this year were "The Greatest of These" and "He that Believeth."

Alberta 1934 was courteously reviewed by M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day.

22 Lodges. Membership, 5,734. Decrease, 84.

M. W. Bro. Harris Samonisky, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication was held on December 18th, 1935. M. W. Bro. Robert S. Regar, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address, in alluding to the condition of the Fraternity, finds a substantial increase in the number of members raised and also in the number of reinstatements made, but the greatest improvement was in the reduction of the number suspended N.P.D.; their net loss in membership for the year being 183 as compared with 891 for the preceding year. He says, "These figures are cited not because we are solely interested in numbers, but because of the important trend which they strongly indicate. More men are petitioning for the degrees of Masonry; more brethren are seeking restoration to membership and a smaller number are permitting themselves to be separated from the Fraternity". In addition to this he notes a great change in the spirit of the membership. They seem to be freed from the fears of an uncertain future and are taking up the work of Masonry with enthusiasm. All of which would indicate substantial improvement in general conditions.

The Grand Master reports, "There has been no necessity for me to render any formal decision during the year," which might possibly be a record and even if not so, it is something to be proud of. Our Columbia brethren must have an excellent Code.

This Grand Master followed the long established custom of, accompanied by his officers, making the usual Grand Visitations to all his lodges during the months of October and November. He thoroughly approves of them, saying that he enjoyed them himself and was sure the membership did too, besides which they offered unusual opportunities for social intercourse and helped to strengthen the ties of brotherhood. He requested the Masters to arrange for instruction at these visitations, either by addresses from well informed brethren or by other means, which had good results.

He approves of their "Lodge System of Masonic Education" and reminds the Masters of his lodges that the use of this system is now mandatory and urges them to give special attention to it. He says that he knows the candidates appreciate it and it lays an excellent foundation for more extended study by them.

Like many other Grand Masters he refers to the way in which "Communism and other subversive influences have seized upon the opportunity which the naturally low morale of unemployed people always presents to exploit their dangerous doctrine and arouse unrest and a spirit of revolt," and he thanks Providence that Freemasons have never presented a fertile field for the planting of such seeds of discord, stating that Masonry and Communism cannot exist side by side.

The Grand Secretary reports that the returns of all lodges together with the minutes of each lodge were received and examined and with few exceptions found to be in excellent condition, and he commends the Secretaries for the general excellence of their work. The writer would like to congratulate the Grand Secretary on this happy state of affairs.

In the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, dealing with amendments to the Constitution, one amendment appeared to give "the Secretary of each lodge, when a member of Grand Lodge, individually one vote." The committee found objections on the ground of indefiniteness or uncertainty and would lead to confusion or dispute and possible mistake in regard to other provisions of the Constitution,

and made the suggestion that Grand Lodge should be cautious and careful in any effort to change existing law before the same has prevailed for a sufficient period of time to enable its workings to be thoroughly tested, to the end that the Grand Lodge Constitution may remain as far as possible a somewhat fixed and recognized law rather than one of uncertain or temporary duration, subject to repeated modifications.

This Grand Lodge suffered the loss of two of its Past Grand Masters during the year. One of these was M. W. Bro. Lurtin R. Ginn, an outstanding Mason in the District of Columbia. We would quote from the memorial notice one paragraph:

"Practically every Grand Lodge in the nation is fortunate in having one or two brethren who are in effect, though not so denominated, courts of last resort for the guidance of the Craft in difficult or puzzling situations. To that small and select group M. W. Bro. Ginn belonged by right of learning and long devotion to the Craft. His counsels were sought, his advice followed, his thought, always logical and sound, deferred to by his brethren."

The Report on Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. James A. West, P.G.M., whose Foreword is well worth reading, containing as it does a general view of Masonry throughout the United States. Alberta heads the list of English speaking Grand Lodges outside the United States, and receives fraternal mention for 1935. M. W. Bro. Bowes is quoted with approval and the death of M. W. Bro. Selwood is recorded.

J.H.W.S.K.

ENGLAND

The First Quarterly Communication was held in London, on March 6th, 1935; M. W. Pro Grand Master, Rt. Hon. The Lord Ampt-hill, on the Throne.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was unanimously elected M. W. Grand Master. He was first elected in 1901 and has served the Craft in England in that capacity ever since. This grand old Mason celebrated his 85th birthday on May 1st, 1935. The only other election was that of Grand Treasurer, all the other officers being appointed.

The Board of General Purposes dealt with many matters. They again refer to lotteries, saying that Grand Lodge has on two separate occasions condemned all forms of lotteries and sweep stakes as a means of raising money, whatever may be the object.

They also draw attention to a growing practice of electing to Honorary Membership of their lodges brethren who are unable to pay their subscription. Honorary Membership permitted under the Constitution has always hitherto been regarded as a recognition of distinguished service to the Craft or to a particular lodge, and indiscriminate election in the manner indicated would of necessity destroy its value. The Board therefore hopes that the greatest care will be exercised by lodges to ensure that this privilege shall continue.

The Grand Lodge Accounts for 1934 were presented by the Grand Treasurer in an excellent report, which gave a very good picture of the general financial standing of Grand Lodge, without resorting to long statements in figures. It would appear that there is a marked improvement in conditions as there is a notable increase in receipt of fees for registration and warrants. There is too an improvement in contributions to the Benevolent Fund. They say the steady drop experienced in this connection has come to an end, indicating a return to more stable conditions and the future can be regarded with confidence.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master gave an interesting report of his visit to Sweden on the same errand as the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who however travelled by air and returned the same way. This was a visit to the oldest lodge in Sweden.

At the April meeting a loyal address to His Majesty King George the Fifth was read and approved, for presentation on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee. In addition notice of motion was given, that at the June meeting one thousand guineas be donated to the King's Jubilee Trust Fund.

A regular system of visitation by Grand Officers who belonged to London of the lodges meeting in that city is to be adopted along the same lines of inspection carried out in the Provinces. There are some 1,200 lodges in London, and a number of Grand Officers will be required to make these visitations.

At the June meeting the M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, was on the Throne.

The Board of Benevolence reported an expenditure for March, April and May of approximately \$75,000.00 in the relief of 176 beneficiaries.

The Board of General Purposes reported recommending the ratification of a Treaty of Fraternal Alliance entered into by the authorized representatives of the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of Brazil. This is an important and unusual occurrence in Freemasonry and could only have been accomplished through the great courtesy, goodwill and fraternal co-operation of the Grand Orient and incidentally marks the high regard in which that Grand Body holds the Grand Lodge of England and also the personnel of the English speaking Masons in their midst who hail from the mother Grand Lodge, and who, the report says, have received nothing but encouragement from the Grand Orient. The Treaty was ratified by both the Grand Bodies and signatures affixed on the same day by special arrangement. This day was the date of the King's birthday. The effect of this treaty will be to establish in Brazil, where the Grand Orient is of course the ruling Masonic Body, a District Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of England, whose lodges will be responsible directly to the Grand Lodge of England, and these lodges will work amicably alongside the lodges of the country owing allegiance to their own Grand Orient. It marks in a sense a new departure from the established rule that a Grand Lodge must be sovereign in its own jurisdiction.

The September communication was held in the City of Manchester. Grand Lodge on this occasion mourned the death of the M. W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Amptill. The Deputy Grand Master, Lord Cornwallis, was too old to attend and R. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., occupied the Throne as Acting Grand Master. He spoke with deep regret of the death of M. W. Bro. Lord Amptill, putting the resolution of Grand Lodge of their profound sense of sorrow

at the passing of this brother without a seconder or a vote, Grand Lodge standing while the Dead March in Saul was played.

The Board of General Purposes reported that the M. W. the Grand Master directed a deputation to visit Brazil for the purpose of inaugurating the new Masonic District. They again drew the attention of the Craft to the matter of giving relief to Masonic beggars. Several cases where brethren have been imposed upon had been reported to the Grand Secretary. They pointed out that the success of these imposters is largely due to the want of proper inquiry before giving any sort of assistance.

Grand Lodge donated the sum of £500 from the Fund of Benevolence to the Lord Mayor's Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund. Quetta was a strong Masonic centre and the suffering and destruction occasioned by the earthquake was very severe.

At the December communication the death of Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Lord Cornwallis, was reported. He was most active in Grand Lodge and for nearly thirty years Provincial Grand Master for Kent. The Acting Grand Master announced the appointment of M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. the Earl of Harewood, K.G., as Pro Grand Master, who was formally received, invested and installed into office. In assuming the Chair his first duty was to announce the appointment of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. General Sir Francis John Davies, who was also received, invested and installed.

The number of lodges in the Grand Lodge of England is steadily increasing. A list is printed of forty such lodges which have been granted their Warrant since the September Quarterly Communication. Of these ten were in Brazil, forming the new district; twenty-nine were in England and one in Rhodesia.

J.H.W.S.K.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Fred W. Delaney, Grand Master. Alberta's ever faithful representative was present.

The Grand Master likens his year of office to a beautiful piece of tapestry. The fabric is made up of the many fine threads of noble spirit of Masonry, the heartaches, shadows, difficulties and some triumphs.

Referring to his D.D.G.M.'s in commendatory terms, the Grand Master states that early in the year he specifically laid out a program for them which included the rounding up of the Masons recently lost via the suspension N.P.D. route. A reduction in the net loss of membership of 1,600 from the year previous indicates the vigor with which they attacked the problem.

Among by-laws approved by M. W. Bro. Delaney and passed by Grand Lodge was one of a lodge which permitted any brother unable to pay his current dues to apply to be placed upon the "emeritus" list. Upon report of a committee approving the same the brother is relieved of paying dues for that year. During his inability to pay dues he renews his application from year to year to be on the "list."

This seems rather a cumbersome way and perhaps an embarrassing one too of plain old "remittance of dues."

One district of eight lodges received the Grand Master in each lodge all in one day. The first lodge opened at 7:30 a.m. and proceeding from this to the next he arrived at the last at 6:30 p.m.

A number of "beer" decisions were rendered, together with the usual round of interpreting what the Constitution means.

The Grand Lodge of Florida had a history prepared and intended to have it printed. A canvass of prospective purchasers revealed insufficient demand to warrant publishing at this time. This is regrettable but trust that with the return of prosperity the difficulty will not obtain.

Recommendations of the Grand Master receiving approval of Grand Lodge were the prohibition of installation by proxy and the simplification of forms for lodge returns.

It is noted with deep regret that during the year the Grand Lodge suffered a severe loss in the death of its Grand Secretary, Bro. Ely P Webster.

The usual Schools of Instruction have deviated this year from ritual to a course of instruction to Masters on means and methods of creating and maintaining a lively interest in the work of the lodge. Special emphasis was laid upon the necessity of the Master properly preparing himself for the high duties of his important office.

Maintenance costs at the Home were \$280.95 per guest per year.

The Grand Orator travelled from Toronto to make the oration upon Brotherhood, giving it rather an international flare. From it we quote:

"The dignity with which ritualistic work in Canadian lodges is exemplified causes one to regret the all too frequent carelessness with which our work is conducted. The care with which their committees examine applicants for membership is justified in the high percentage of active and interested Masons at their communications and offers a reproach to those of us who allow our American zeal for numbers to outweigh our judgment of the fitness of material for the Craft. The content of the several degrees is not as interesting or so effectively produced as in most of our jurisdictions. A combination of their dignity with our ritual would be of great benefit to this jurisdiction of ours."

He concludes: "No longing soul that seeks afar to know the customs of men and nations in the far places can ever find a greater interest than that to be derived from applying Masonry to the problems of the human race; of solving the vexations of daily living; of learning the practice of brotherhood with one's own neighbor. My fear is that we take too much for granted in our Craft and are too prone to accept it merely as a comfortable fraternity into which we can settle with ease."

In the report of Foreign Correspondence we find Bro. Cheeves has much to commend from Alberta 1934.

Lodges, 229. Membership, 20,935. Loss, 793.

V.H.M.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication; M. W. Bro. E. D. Thomas, Grand Master. Alberta's accredited representative was in attendance.

"A year of awakening," Past Grand Master Daniel terms it. M. W. Bro. Thomas reports the accomplishment of: 1. The bringing back of the Craft to a realization of the ideals of Freemasonry and the attendance upon lodges, making Masonic friendship a living reality rather than a lofty ideal. 2. Redrafting of former leaders into lodge service, through the organization of Past Masters' Associations. 3. Programs for the return of worthy brethren who through force of depressing circumstances had been suspended for non-payment of dues.

Item No. 1 was carried out through simultaneous reobligation on the occasion of the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. A program from the Atlanta Temple was carried over the radio and received by machines installed in the several lodge rooms. The Grand Master states that this occasion did more to start Masonry back to the heights than any other event of the year. We are glad to know that, but are bound to confess that the use of the radio by Masonry would not be countenanced in these parts.

A slight note of evangelism is injected by the Grand Master when he records that "Above all else there has been the desire and purpose to restore the motto of our Fraternity of loyalty to God and to Masonry, even as it was in the days of our fathers. Their desire had been to associate with men who were worth while, not for what they had, but for what they were. The great ideal has been that the hoodwink shall be truly lifted from our eyes and that we shall see in faith the Great Light of Masonry. Masons can be a power for good in their community and although discouraged by recent happenings yet so was Elijah of old and many others; but in His name they recovered."

Discovery of a Masonic ritual on the person of an arrested Communist set off a detonation, which caused the Grand Master to send out a letter warning the Craft of the incompatibility of Communism and Masonry, of the dangers it may cause to home, religion and government.

Lodges failing to make returns or hold annual elections are ultimately dealt with down in Georgia by arresting and suspending charters. Sixteen were so handled last year.

The death of two Past Grand Masters is reported; M. W. Bros. Wm. S. Richardson and Jas. D. Bamrick.

A resolution was adopted making Bro. J. M. Nix a member or Grand Lodge so that he might become Grand Chaplain. He is a brother of the Grand Master elect.

Through failure of the Secretary of a lodge to make certain reports, even after being written to by the Grand Master, he was suspended and which was upheld by the Jurisprudence Committee. It would seem to us that the lightning should have fallen on the Master of the lodge. After all, he is the one responsible for his lodge and the Secretary is his subordinate.

Among other rulings is the usual gamut of "beer business and Masonry" questions.

A brother four or five years behind in his dues was elected as Junior Warden of his lodge. The ruling was that while he was eligible, yet as a matter of policy it was quite inadvisable. It would need to be more than a usually strong lodge to weather such hampered leadership as a delinquent brother could render. Masonic charity is broad and it would seem real charity not to embarrass the brother by thus putting him forward.

Down South they have Emeritus Members, a luxury we do not know. A proposal was adopted after the Grand Master had so recommended, that all Masons who have reached the age of seventy years and who have contributed to Masonry for a period of twenty years, regardless of jurisdiction previously dimitted from, shall be known as Emeritus Masons. That of course means no more dues.

It would appear that one is not permitted to carry rank of a foreign jurisdiction after affiliation with Georgia Grand Lodge. One brother, a Secretary of a local lodge for twenty-five years and sixty years a Mason, was made a member of Grand Lodge by resolution, he having been previously a Master of a lodge in South Carolina.

Lodges, 524. Members, 41,736. Loss, 1,465.

Grand Master, Abit Nix.

Grand Secretary—F. F. Baker.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Sixty-ninth Annual Communication held at Boise, September 10th, 1935.

M. W. Bro. John T. Wood, Grand Master.

Lodges, 81. Membership, 9,135. Loss, 327.

Among the Grand Representatives, Alberta is reported absent.

In his opening comments the Grand Master remarks: "I feel that the Masonic situation in Idaho is distinctly encouraging."

The passing of two Past Grand Masters is recorded, John H. Myer at the age of 86, with a Masonic career of 63 years, and George F. Gagon, Grand Master in 1909.

Grand Master Wood appears to have been a diligent visitor, being present at several annual communications outside his own state and including that of British Columbia.

The liquor business in Idaho is just as troublesome as in other States and Grand Master Wood is obliged to issue an edict prohibiting members of the Fraternity from engaging in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a private business. Grand Master Wood rules, however, that a Mason may be employed in a State Liquor Store, with which ruling we agree. In some States even this is prohibited.

The Grand Secretary reports no new lodges and no change in the roster of lodges.

M. W. Bro. Henry B. Morley of British Columbia is reported as a visitor.

A committee to prepare a shorter form of opening and closing a lodge for funeral occasions is expected to report next year.

Idaho prints no reviews of Foreign Correspondence although the Committee on the subject picks up the high lights in their report.

Seventieth Annual Communication to be held at Pocatello, September 8th, 1936.

Grand Master—Louis R. Scott, Moscow.

Grand Secretary—Curtis F. Pike, Boise.

A. M. M.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago on October 8th and 9th, 1935, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Grover C. Neimeyer, presiding. Nine Past Grand Masters were present. M. W. Bro. Ben E. Sincere, Alberta's representative was present.

The Grand Marshal with Grand Stewards placed the United States' flag in the Grand East.

The Grand Master speaking of membership says:

"Suspensions for non-payment of dues are about twenty per cent less than the suspensions of last year. There seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of reducing our membership to the worth-while Mason, the deserving man sincerely desirous of remaining a member of the fraternity. Further, but decreasing reductions in membership through such suspensions must be expected. The final results will be the placing of the fraternity upon a more substantial basis than mere paper membership. Mistakes will be made. A few who should have been retained will be suspended, but on the whole a healthier condition will prevail."

Consolidation of lodges is given every encouragement.

The matter of Appendant Organization is given some attention here. We excerpt from Grand Master's Address:

"With the internal affairs of these organizations Masonry does not care to interfere. Supervision or regulation of their management, ritual, ceremonies, meetings or social activities is neither practical nor desirable. Masonry, however, has the right to insist and must insist that these organizations and their members shall not violate the fundamentals of Masonry, the ancient landmarks, the long established principles and practices, and those regulations of more modern times adopted in deference to prevailing public opinion in matters religious, moral or social in order that Masonry might continue to hold the respect and good opinion of mankind. Illustrative of the latter I cite the prohibition against Masons appearing in public drinking saloons in Masonic clothing and the Masonic rule of Sunday observance.

"The questions here discussed are not peculiar to Illinois. They are being considered in many other Grand Jurisdictions. The need for a definite statement of the position of Grand Lodges in respect to these appendant organizations and their activities is everywhere recognized. The position taken is not designed to interfere with the legitimate purposes and activities of any appendant organization or of any individual."

The Grand Master condemned lotteries in a most emphatic manner. He named members of Medinah Shrine at Chicago as the chief offenders. He also made reference to a similar organization in California. We quote:

"Masonry is not a coat to be put on or taken off as one desires. It is not a character to be assumed when respectability is advisable and cast aside and forgotten when the individual chooses to violate the law of the land, or indulge the lower and baser sides of his nature. It is a rule of conduct which once adopted must be everywhere practised until death or expulsion releases the obligation."

"Hence, when Shriners act individually or collectively, Masons are acting, and when their conduct transgresses civil laws, good morals, or the accepted standards of the better element of society the good name of Masonry is brought into disrepute."

"However negligent Grand Lodges may have been in exercising discipline in such cases, assertion of their right is not new."

The above subject was covered very fully and any brother interested should read this splendid address.

1,011 Lodges. Membership, 228,469. Decrease, 15,692.

M. W. Bro. Hal. C. McLond, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in the City of Indianapolis on 28th of May, 1935, with M. W. Bro. Harry Yeo, Grand Master, presiding.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present, among them M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, Alberta's representative, who is also Grand Secretary.

One new lodge was instituted.

From the Grand Master's Address, where he was speaking on Benevolence, we excerpt as follows:

"But there have been others who have had no appreciation whatsoever of what has been done for them and, with a selfish spirit, have forgotten entirely that others had the same right to demand help as they did. These have thrown themselves upon the Lodges and

if what they demanded was not fully forthcoming they did not hesitate to criticise their lodges severely. These are the kind of members who have the mistaken idea that Lodges are duty bound to support them or their families, regardless. To care for the distressed is one of the vocations of Masonry but we should be very careful to dispel from the minds of applicants any such thought as that Masonry is a beneficial organization. It is not so and no member ever paid dues or assessments to maintain it as an institution having such attributes."

The Grand Master laid the corner stones of four buildings.

From the Grand Secretary's Report we excerpt:

"Every lodge has a right to require each member to pay a certain fixed sum for dues. It also may provide the time when the same is due and payable and may further provide in the By-Laws the date when charges of non-payment shall be preferred. The law also expressly provides that when the amount and time for payment are fixed, that the Lodge must collect the same if the member is able to pay. If the member is not able to pay the lodge may remit the dues. The law of the Grand Lodge clearly implies that the lodge ledger must be balanced each year, either by payment by the member or by a remission of the dues by the Lodge. The obligation to require dues to be paid, and the obligation to pay dues, is just as binding upon the Lodge as it is upon the member."

There are 436 inmates of the Masonic Home. The total Endowment Fund of the Home is \$571,897.09.

M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay is the Reviewer. He quoted extensively from Bro. Duncan's Address.

M. W. Bro. Rudolph H. Horst, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, Grand Secretary.

556 Lodges. 113,949 Members. Decrease, 3,735.

M.M.D.

IOWA

The Ninety-second Annual Communication; Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Burton H. Saxton.

Reviewing his year's work, M. W. Bro. Saxton finds tangible evidence of substantial improvement in the affairs of Grand Lodge. Increased number of petitions, decrease in suspensions and the aggregate amount of delinquent dues outstanding are suggested as the proof. In addition to that there is further evidence of progress through enlivened interest in Masonry and the apparent general spirit of the brethren as a whole is more hopeful, more alert and more appreciative.

Two particular efforts promoted by the Grand Master which met with splendid success were District Meetings which took the form of "Fellowship Meetings" and a simultaneous meeting of all lodges on a certain night, the theme around which it was called being "Meet me at the Altar."

Lodge administration is discussed in the address and deals largely with the newly installed Master. "He is upon unfamiliar ground so far as actual responsibility is concerned. He has learned much from observation but not until he assumes the gavel of authority does he face the real test of his administrative abilities. His advancement may be a recognition of faithful and intelligent service; but in a larger sense it delivers into his charge for the time being the affairs of the lodge for better or worse. The soundness of his judgment, the breadth of his knowledge of Masonry, the depth of his loyalty to its principles, the clearness of his perception of immediate and continuing needs, and his ability to win the co-operation of the membership—these will largely determine the degree of success of his administration. If these qualities are possessed in reasonable measure, his lodge may well be proud of his leadership."

Lodges have been provided with a budget form to better enable financing. The following good advice is given. "It is a wise lodge which takes no account of fees in its estimate of receipts and if its wisdom dictates the establishment of a reserve fund in which all or part of the fees are deposited, so much the better." And speaking of Grand Lodge dues: "May I recall to your minds the principle that as the dues of each member are collected the portion to be remitted to Grand Lodge should invariably be segregated and under no circumstances used for any other purpose whatsoever. Such portion should be treated as a trust fund."

The Grand Master refers to lodge Secretaries as being important officers, indeed in a class by themselves. A good one is precious but a poor one can make two troubles grow where there was only one before.

Representation of lodges at Grand Lodge is receiving increasing attention from Grand Masters. So strongly does Bro. Saxton feel about lodges failing to be represented that he recommends that lodges failing to be represented for three consecutive years be required to show cause why their charter should not be arrested.

A form upon which is recorded an analytical report of lodges was adopted. It follows in many respects the one used for the past two years in Alberta. The phases of the report fall under the following heads: Ritualistic, Educational, Administrative, Membership, Fees and Dues, Financial, and General. The comment on them after using was, "There appeared no other way in which the Grand Master could become so closely in touch with so many lodges without actually visiting them."

A proposal to hold the annual communications alternately in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines as an economy measure (mileage being the consideration) was rejected upon sentimental grounds. Similar treatment was dealt to the Grand Master's recommendation to change the date of meeting from June to October.

As a conclusion to his address the Grand Master leads the thought of his Grand Lodge through the paths of international amity. Speaking of the recognition of other Masonic jurisdictions he says, "The sun never sets on this magnificent sweep of fraternalism. But how much do we know of them? Are we more than dimly conscious of their existence and have we more than an amiably hazy interest in their welfare? My brethren I am convinced that we are not only neglecting what might be a revealing and happy relationship, but we are blindly ignoring a most obvious instrument for aiding the cause of genuine international friendship." This in reality was of course his prelude to the Flag Ceremony, which he was inaugurating.

When the hour arrived for the Flag Ceremony the letter of the Grand Master which was addressed to every Jurisdiction with which they were in fraternal relations was read. Personal messages were received from twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions, while twenty-three of them sent flags. As the names of Grand Lodges were called young women dressed in white, bearing the flag of the Country, State or Province entered upon a stage at which time the message from the particular Grand Master was read. We note the order of reception was England, Scotland and then Canadian Provinces according to seniority. We were rather proud of Alberta's place and personal message from M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes. The flags will remain the property of the Grand Lodge, but will be loaned throughout the jurisdiction to lodges upon request. It would appear that the occasion was one of rather remarkable note.

The Librarian's report reads like a Municipal Library almost, insofar as scope and shelves of books are concerned. The Library is too celebrated and well known to describe it here, except to say that it is without a peer Masonically. The facilities of the library are available even outside the jurisdiction, for we discover that during the year books were loaned to seventeen other jurisdictions.

Trial by Commission has been before Iowa as a proposal for several years, and laid over from time to time. We find this year it was reported on by the majority and then there was a minority report. All members were agreed that a change was desirable, but they could not agree upon the terms. The rock upon which they split was whether the Trial Commissioner should be a member of the lodge in which the charges originate. The majority thought he should be and that he should be selected from a panel much the same as jurymen are chosen. The minority wanted one in each instruction district appointed by the Grand Master within twenty days after his installation. When the matter was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee they recommended that neither plan be adopted, but that the matter be delegated to a sub-committee to embody from both plans the desirable features and report next year.

Iowa mourns the loss of three distinguished Past Grand Masters, who answered the final summons, one of them being widely known and respected, Louis Block, who for many years has conducted the scholarly review of Foreign Proceedings. Fortunately his trestle board had been cleared of work and we find the usual excellent review from his pen, just as he left it a few days before Grand Lodge met, when his great soul journeyed out the western gate. By a happy circumstance his report was presented by his son, who had been associated for many years as his amanuensis. Brother Block has made a very great contribution to the sum total of Masonic literature, as his writings have appeared for many years in various magazines. He was an Associate Editor of the late Builder Magazine. His intimacy with the poets caused him to adorn his writings with many a garland of verse, weaving his thought smoothly around the metered lines. His death is mourned by World Masonry and not the least by Alberta.

The review of Alberta 1934 is kindly and interesting, with many quotations from M. W. Bro. John Martland's address, the report of the Committee on Benevolence and the address of Bro. Phillip Duncan.

Lodges, 555. Membership, 71,398. Loss, 3,422.

Grand Master, John T. Ames. Grand Secretary, C. C. Hunt.

V.H.M.

IRELAND

The Annual Communication was held in Dublin on 27th December, 1935; The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., M. W. Grand Master.

He spoke with feeling of the great loss the United Grand Lodge of England had sustained in the deaths of their M. W. Pro Grand Master and their R. W. Deputy Grand Master within a few months of each other. He mentions that their successors were both initiated in his own mother lodge in England and in fact had invested R. W. Bro. Sir Francis Davies, now Deputy Grand Master, when he was appointed Junior Deacon of the lodge. The Grand Master seemed, in his mention of these distinguished brethren who had passed on, to impress upon his hearers that their worth consisted in the life long service they had rendered to others.

One of the most important events of the year was the visit of a Delegation from the Grand Lodge of Sweden headed by R. W. Bro. Rear Admiral Sir Arvid Lindman, C.C.V.O., Grand Chancellor of the Order in Sweden. A fine and extensive programme was arranged for the entertainment of these distinguished visitors.

At a special meeting of Grand Master's Lodge, a three handled Silver Athy Cup, a magnificent example of the silversmith's art, was presented to R. W. Bro. Lindman to be placed in the museum of the Grand Lodge of Sweden as a memento of the occasion. The Delegation were afterwards shown the great cathedrals of Dublin and visited the Masonic Schools, where Bro. Lindman addressed the scholars in fluent English. They were then taken for a drive through the beautiful county of Wicklow, spending the week end at the residence of the M. W. the Grand Master.

The Grand Master speaks of the spirit and zeal of his officers overseas; for instance, the Prov. Grand Master of New Zealand with other Past Grand Officers travelled 1,000 miles to hold a Quarterly Communication and 1,000 miles home again.

He had a personal interview with the R. W. District Grand Inspector for India when that officer was home, thereby securing at first hand "a good account of things in India."

He also spoke of the satisfactory sidelights he obtained from the report of another Prov. Grand Master, this time from South Africa, on the new facilities furnished the Irish lodges there with regard to the ritual working.

He finds the Masonic Schools continue to be well maintained, in fact there has been a notable increase in the number of subscribers. He is as optimistic as ever regarding the Grand Lodge of Ireland: "We are a small but keen body of loyal and law-abiding citizens. We have in Freemasonry a means to an end which the world would be poorer without."

The Report of the Grand Secretary covers many things: The Silver Jubilee of our late King George the Fifth; obituary notices of distinguished brethren at home and abroad; the acceptance by the King of Sweden of honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of Ireland; the meeting of Grand Lodge in Londonderry; the chartering of six new lodges and reports from Prov. Grand Masters, of which those in

Ireland speak of the active interest constantly maintained in lodge meetings and in their Masonic Charities. One says: "In the more remote and sparsely populated areas in the country it has been a revelation to find brethren of limited resources subscribing generously to appeals for the renovation or rebuilding of their Masonic halls." Several new lodge halls appear to have been built. Another mentions the crowded attendance at meetings of the Grand Lodge of Instruction.

The difficulties with which Irish Masonry has to contend are touched upon with reticence and more in sorrow than in indignation. For instance, one lodge hall was maliciously burnt down. In another case a lodge banquet was raided, tables overthrown and much damage done. Mention is made of it being undesirable to travel at night, rendering it necessary to adjust meetings accordingly. These are just hints of what is going on in Ireland, and only give a faint indication of the difficulties under which Masons meet and work over there. Yet improved conditions are noticed. Only a few report decrease in membership and the others say membership is well maintained, that many are being reinstated, paying up their arrears. Some speak of the wonderful influence addresses by Grand Officers have had in assisting the Charity Stewards in the smaller Provinces, while from those abroad in South Africa, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Natal come equally encouraging reports, and from China comes a brief report from the District Grand Inspector at Shanghai, which we might quote:

"I would like to report that in spite of the many unfavorable conditions now existing in China, which include currency fluctuation and a serious trade depression, Freemasonry in general and our Irish Constitution in particular is holding its own. Lodge Erin has been able to meet all direct calls upon its charity, which fortunately have been few, in addition to which we have done our part to support the General Charity Fund of the local Masonic bodies, in addition to which we also sent a small amount to Masonic Charities in Ireland."

The feature of these reports from abroad is that they all mention the splendid co-operation which exists between the three Constitutions, English, Irish and Scotch, operating in these distant places.

The reports of their Benevolent Institutions show them to be carried on with undiminished success, several of the scholars, both girls and boys, gaining high standards in competitive exams, and obtained good positions. Besides this, pupils who show ability are assisted in obtaining advanced courses in training colleges.

There is no correspondence report.

J. H. W. S. K.

KANSAS

Seventy-ninth Annual Communication held at Wichita, February 20th, 1935.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James A. Cassler.

Lodges, 448. Members, 69,280. Loss, 3,800.

Alberta was not represented.

In his introductory remarks Grand Master Cassler has this to say:

"The objective of Masonry is to take a man, lift him up, and inspire him to greater endeavors. Small words these, but gigantic in their application. In them we have a positive philosophy, a practical philosophy, which should be like a garment of wisdom to make a man more human and brotherly; not less so, but more a man in the broader sense. We help others by first learning how to help ourselves, but self always must be sacrificed for the benefit of the greatest good to the greatest number. He who would serve, must first learn the value of service."

"Masonry cannot perform its task by artificial allegiance to its principles; it can touch and transform political and social life only through those who are living embodiments of its creed. Consider yourself, therefore, students rather than graduates in the school of Masonry. We are but learning from day to day the unity of the individual with society and endeavoring to express it in our daily thoughts and actions."

On granting degrees out of time the Grand Master comments:

"If Masonry possesses any value, it should be that he who obtains its privileges should do so in strict accordance with the ancient landmarks and regulations prescribed. The granting of special favors is detrimental to the dignity of the Order. A privilege is granted to a few at the expense of many. Masonry should be a costly institution, not from the standpoint of finances, but from the standpoint of sacrifice that must be made by him who petitions and receives the degrees. He who receives something for nothing or with little effort places little value thereon. A thing of value is esteemed only because of the efforts required in its attainment. Therefore, no person should be granted a dispensation to receive the degrees in less than the required time except in case of most urgent necessity."

And on the officers of subordinate lodges he has this to say:

"If there is any defect in the operation of our subordinate lodges, it is a lack of leadership on the part of the officers, and particularly the Master. It always has been, and possibly always will be, an important fact which must be realized that the Master of the lodge is the officer to whom the lodge looks for leadership. In the final analysis, leadership is the particular qualification which his election presupposes. If he fails to properly assume that leadership, and to earnestly and intelligently guide and supervise the affairs of the lodge, there is a general breaking down of the whole administration, and the lodge merely drifts."

And on "electioneering" this:

"A Masonic office should come as a reward for merit and faithful service and not as a matter of political preferment or as a result of solicitation. The privilege of free, voluntary and intelligent choice must always be the rule and guide without electioneering. To allow such practice to continue will tend to create discord and ill feeling."

In his closing remarks on the Condition of the Order, Grand Master Cassler is optimistic and remarks:

"While we cannot make any claims that the ideal has been achieved, yet we may contemplate with deep satisfaction what has been accomplished. Truly humanity has become more human, and he who is a

practitioner of his Masonry can be justly proud of the part that he has played in the development of this enlarged social conscience."

The oration of the year is by Bro. Edward M. Boddington and is entitled "Our Heritage." It is an extremely bright summary of Masonry's historical background. It should be read by every Mason as evidence of the history and tradition which is ours.

Recognition of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile (in Palestine); the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia and Lessing zu den Drie Ringen also in Czechoslovakia and Parahiba, Brazil, is denied and to Nicaragua, Para, Brazil and Denmark indefinitely postponed.

An excellent Report on Correspondence in which Alberta finds her usual generous and kindly reference completes a most interesting volume.

We again express our admiration and appreciation of the work of Bro. Albert K. Nelson, Grand Secretary Emeritus, whose conscientious labors, opinions and philosophy are always to this reviewer a constant source of delight and inspiration. Long may you be spared to carry on, Sir!

Eightieth Annual Communication to be held at Topeka, February 19th, 1936.

Grand Master—Otto R. Souders, Wichita.

Grand Secretary—Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

A. M. M.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky was held in Louisville, Tuesday, October 15th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. Hebbert Henderson, Grand Master, presiding.

Among the distinguished brethren present was M. W. Bro. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Grand Master Henderson opens his address in a very friendly spirit, bidding welcome to all members and enjoining each to get acquainted.

Kentucky had the misfortune to suffer the loss of two Grand Secretaries last year. M. W. Bro. Hardwick, characterised as Kentucky's outstanding Mason and who had been Grand Secretary for many years, passed away very suddenly. He was followed by Bro. Alex. M. Woodruff, who was appointed on July 19th, and passed away suddenly on August 24th. The loss of the Grand Secretary adds a heavy burden to the Grand Master and our sympathies go out to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

The Grand Master dedicated the Cowles-Hardwick Memorial Room in the Scottish Rite Temple at Louisville. This room was dedicated to Past Grand Masters John H. Cowles and Fred W. Hardwick in testimony to their valued services to Masonry in Kentucky and throughout the world. The walls of the room are completely panelled with the only genuine Cedar of Lebanon extant today; its

furniture is of the same material and metal, no other kind of wood being used in its interior.

Kentucky has a fund of \$10,000.00 with which to match funds paid by subordinate lodges for support of dependent widows while waiting admittance to their Home. Only twelve lodges out of 33 took advantage of the fund.

The Grand Master sent messages to the Craft in the form of letters on their Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, New Year's and Easter festivities. These letters are all appropriate to the occasion and serve to bring Grand Lodge and the lodges closer together.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that there was a loss in membership of 2,848; the charters of two lodges were lifted and three lodges surrendered their charters. Six lodges consolidated, forming three lodges.

In the report of the Committee on Necrology mention is made of the passing of our own M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee is from the pen of Bro. Ray G. Tipton, who has taken over the Chairmanship of this Committee upon the death of Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, who was Foreign Correspondent for over thirty years.

Kentucky, like Alberta, has been revising its Burial Service with a view to making it more practical and brief, consequently more desirable, and to this end have eliminated what is believed to be superfluous eulogy and quotations. This reviewer is not at all convinced that this cutting and clipping at the burial service is in reality in the best interest of Masonry, for we must remember that the public at large who may hear the service will judge our Organization by the type of service rendered and when we remove all the beauty and solemnity from the service it loses something that "speed" can never replace.

The Committee on Jurisprudence ruled that no action be taken either way regarding the receiving of petitions from one engaged in the sale of spirituous liquors as a beverage until the courts have ruled on the validity of the State Legislation.

On the question of Incorporation of Lodges it was resolved that no subordinate lodge be permitted to incorporate.

Alberta Proceedings for 1934 received generous treatment at the hands of Bro. Tipton, who quoted freely from M. W. Bro. Martland's address as well as from that of the Rev. Philip Duncan. May we offer our best wishes and congratulations to Bro. Tipton in his new sphere of labor as Foreign Correspondent.

M. W. Bro. Hugh Moore, Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Al. E. Orton, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine was opened in Portland on Tuesday, May 7th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. Clark D. Chapman, Grand Master, presiding.

Maine is exceedingly fortunate in having such a galaxy of visiting Grand Masters, which must have lent an air of distinction to their communication. These were all received with the honors due them and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master indicates that a very healthy condition exists in the lodges of his State and that the Masters and Wardens have met the challenge of Masonic leadership and as a result attendance and interest in lodge work is increasing. The Educational Programme is being favorably received. He deprecates the serving of Suppers at the expense of the lodge funds and suggests those partaking of same should pay for them.

Maine had heavy demands made on their Relief Fund spending some \$30,000.00 during the past year, and the Grand Master believes that the good done justified the expenditure.

Under the heading of decisions the Grand Master determined, "that no premises controlled directly or indirectly by a Masonic Lodge shall be occupied for the sale of intoxicating liquors or that such liquors may be served at a Masonic Banquet."

The Grand Master had occasion to warn one firm against the practice of commercializing Masonry.

The report of the Grand Secretary would seem to seek to advertise the wonderful qualities of living conditions in his State, for it would appear that they have an unusually large number of brethren who have reached the "century mark" with long service in the Craft.

A number of applications for recognition were held over for further investigation.

The volume contains a verbatim report of the address of R. W. Bro. Albert A. Schaefer, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which is well worth reading as he pictures conditions of the past two decades in his home State and how with the aid of an Educational Plan the Lodges were able to overcome their difficulties and revitalize Masonry. The address is a long one and though we feel disposed to quote freely from it, we are precluded for lack of space, but we give you the closing paragraph which sort of sums up just what one might expect from a speaker such as Bro. Schaefer:

"If I hadn't told you I was a lawyer, and a professor, perhaps you would have thought I was a preacher. But Masonry to me is a glorious venture in friendship. It can be made the fulfilment of a beautiful dream if only we seize the opportunities which it affords to enlarge our visions and to renew and increase our friendships."

Once again Bro. Ashley A. Smith presents the Correspondence and in his Foreword deals with the restless and somewhat lawless condition existent among the present generation and he sees in Masonry and its institution a remedy if only we would apply them. Alberta's given a generous and fraternal review and we thank him for his kindly treatment of our 1934 Proceedings.

Clark D. Chapman, Grand Master.

Convers E. Leach, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MANITOBA

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba held its Sixtieth Annual Communication in Winnipeg on 12th June, 1935. M. W. Bro. Adolph presided and R. W. Bro. Kerr represented Alberta.

Distinguished guests in the persons of R. W. Bro. Pollock, Grand Junior Warden of North Dakota and M. W. Bro. Burd, Past Grand Master, British Columbia, were present.

The Grand Master made appropriate reference to the passing of that distinguished Mason M. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, who filled the office of Grand Secretary for thirty-five years.

The conference of Grand Officers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta held in Calgary in May, 1935 is referred to in detail and the Grand Master recommends the desirability of holding similar conferences in the future.

The Grand Master was not called on for any rulings but he restated a principle that perhaps is not so well known as it should be, particularly among those most affected by it.

"As a presiding officer, the Master is possessed of extraordinary powers, which belong to the presiding officer of no other association. He presides over the business, as well as the work or Masonic Labors of the lodge; and in all cases his decisions on points of order are final, for it is a settled principle of Masonic Law that no appeal can be taken to the lodge from the decision of the Master. The Grand Lodge alone can overrule his declared opinion on any point of order."

He attended "International Night" at Reston Lodge No. 104 when brethren from North Dakota including two Past Grand Masters were present.

In addition to attending the District Meetings the Grand Master paid nine official visits.

Manitoba presented the Flag of England to the Grand Lodge of Iowa to be used in the "Flag Ceremony" in Cedar Rapids in June, 1935.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are full of interest and indicative of real progress. R. W. Bro. Donovan of District No. 7 makes a useful suggestion. He found that in Elkhorn Lodge they divided the proceedings of Grand Lodge among five members each of whom then dealt with his particular part in lodge. He suggests that this method be adopted by other lodges. We can imagine no better foundation for Masonic Education and hope to see the suggestion adopted.

Recognition was extended to Grand Lodge of Lessing du Drei Ringen.

The sum of \$12,017.53 was expended by the Committee on Bencvolence with 64 cases on the roll.

Membership has decreased by 357.

To commemorate the Sixtieth Anniversary of Grand Lodge a Diamond Jubilee Fund was authorized for contributions to the benevolent fund.

M. W. Bro. D. S. Woods delivered an address on the subject of "Some Early Beginnings of Freemasonry in Canada." The address is printed in the Proceedings and is hereby recommended for perusal and study. It is worth while.

A fitting memorial to the late M. W. Bro. Ovas attests the merits and the worth of this truly great Mason.

Alberta is kindly and fraternally reviewed in the Review of Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions.

G.M.B.

MARYLAND

At the Semi-Annual Communication in Baltimore, the Grand Master M. W. Bro. G. W. Livingston, in his opening remarks spoke encouragingly and on a very high plane, exhorting his brethren to live their Masonry in their daily lives and dealings. He found a healthy financial condition, especially in those lodges which strictly adhered to the rule of collecting their annual dues promptly, these lodges being seldom or never financially embarrassed. Proof is furnished by the fact that the lodges whose treasuries are empty have from \$1,000 to \$3,000 due from their members. He would rather have a lodge with a barely constitutional number of members who are willing workers, than a roomful of non-working, non-contributing drones. He says, "Brethren, we have been making too many Masons. Many of our lodges, especially our city lodges, are too large. There can be no spirit of Fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance or close contact. There is no Masonry where there is no Fraternity."

He has a high regard for the Schools of Instruction in his jurisdiction. These schools are held only for the purpose of providing thorough instruction in the Work and lectures already established by this Grand Lodge; but in doing so they have done much to unify all the lodges in the State and to make every member feel that he has a vital interest in their Grand Lodge and that he is the equal, the fellow, the brother of every other Mason in the State.

The Masonic Home of this Grand Lodge presents a fine report of its first year's operations. The lodges of the jurisdiction appear to be greatly interested in the development of this institution. There are long lists of gifts in money and in kind, lodges sponsoring entertainments of various kinds. There are some thirty residents.

The Committee on Foreign Relations considered requests for recognition from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile, the Grand Lodges of Paraiba, Brazil; National G. L. of Palestine; Grand Orient of Lebanon; Grand Orient of Brazil at Rio de Janiero, and a federation of the Grand National Lodge of Roumania and the Grand Orient of Roumania under the name of United Roumanian Freemasonry, and a Grand Lodge located at Chihuahua, Mexico, stating that each of these organizations is irregular in its origin and recommended that the requests for recognition be declined, which was concurred in by Grand Lodge.

The Annual Communication was held in Baltimore, November 19, 20, 1935, Grand Lodge being opened in Due Form by the R. W.

Deputy Grand Master, after which the M. W. Grand Master was escorted into the Grand Lodge Room and with every formality conducted to the East. Then their only living Past Grand Master was similarly escorted and invited to a seat in the East.

The Grand Master's address on this occasion was again of a very high order. He gave a good deal of thought to the question of membership and dues and comes to the conclusion that, "There is not a thing in the world to be alarmed about over the suspensions and dimits that have taken place. It is simply a housecleaning process and when it is all over Masonry will come out strong and vigorous, with the promise of a glorious future."

He does not think that the lodges take sufficient care to instruct their members, especially their candidates. He says, "We talk a good deal about the ignorance of people outside of Masonry regarding Masonry. We might talk a great deal more about the ignorance of people inside Masonry regarding Masonry. What do your members know about Masonry any more than the three degrees they have gone through, when they were partly in a mental haze? What do they know about the background? How many of them think of it as an insurance organization? They tell their wives, 'You need not worry any more. If anything happens to me the Masons will take care of you for the rest of your life. You don't have to worry about the children; the Masons will take care of them.' It is thought of as a grand and glorious insurance fund at the smallest possible per capita under the sun. You would be surprised if you tried to make an analysis of the mental attitude of your members to find how many men consider the Masonic Fraternity purely a cheap insurance affair. They must be taught to realize that Masonry is a great force which is at work, striving to lead mankind onward and upward and imbue them with a desire to become and continue a part of that great movement."

He again alludes to the Masonic Home and mentions the presentations of a portrait of their late Past Grand Master Warren S. Seipp, and a tower clock and Westminster Peal Bells. The latter was the gift of a member in memory of his wife and was dedicated at a special ceremony by the Grand Master, when installed in the tower at the Home.

Several addresses were given by distinguished visitors, one of whom was M. W. Bro. John H. Cowles, P.G.M. of Kentucky, one of the most outstanding Masons in the States.

There is no Report on Correspondence, but the Proceedings contain a directory of all the lodges and members in the jurisdiction. We wonder if the Grand Lodges who print these directories in their Proceedings ever think of the considerable expense involved in mailing two and three copies of these Proceedings to all the jurisdictions with which they are in correspondence, and to whom such directories can be of no interest. However, Maryland presents a well printed volume and this one has several fine cuts of the interior and one of the imposing entrance to the Masonic Temple in Baltimore.

Grand Master, Harry B. Wright.

Grand Secretary, Harry C. Miller.

J.H.W.S.K.

MASSACHUSETTS

This Grand Lodge meets quarterly. At the March communication held in Boston the Grand Master in his address gave a good deal of space to the question of suspension N.P.D., discussing it from many angles. It seems that everyone must discuss the question of the deserving brother at length and M. W. Bro. Allen does so; but there should not be any argument and the Grand Master's conclusion would appear to bear this out. He says, "In the majority of cases if the Master has fully satisfied himself that the delinquent brother is unable to pay, a decision between suspension and remission of dues is decidedly in favor of remission. The lodge does not get its money in either case, but the brother whose dues are remitted is saved to the lodge with a probability that he may soon resume his place as a supporting member." He points out that investigation is the important thing. No suspension should ever occur without a thorough personal investigation.

He mentions that very few applications for the degrees have been received during the last few years and often a Master may come and go without ever having conferred the degrees on a candidate. He would suggest to all Masters that whether they have candidates or not they should work all three degrees in their respective lodges at least once and preferably twice during each lodge year, saying it is as important that the efficiency of the officers should be maintained during periods when they may not have actual candidates as in normal times.

The Grand Master is enthusiastic, and rightly so, regarding his Education Department. It was in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts where the Lodge Plan of Education originated and has now been working for eight years with marked success. It is now a regulation of the Grand Constitutions that every lodge within the territorial boundaries of the Commonwealth is a constituent member of some Lodge of Instruction. In addition, every lodge in the Canal Zone is also a member of one of the two Lodges of Instruction there. (This Grand Lodge has chartered lodges in the Panama Canal Zone).

The Lodge Plan is intended to apply to candidates in particular, but the Grand Master believes that Grand Lodge should afford to those Master Masons who became members of the Craft prior to the institution of this Plan, as well as since, the opportunity to acquire such knowledge, and he notes there is a growing tendency to make use of the machinery thus set up to offer to the officers of the particular lodges instruction in the prerogatives and duties of their offices beyond those required by the ritual. He recommends that executive committees should provide suitable corps of instruction, to convey non-ritualistic knowledge. He also recommends "a printed projected programme", by which he means a programme arranged months or even a year in advance and distributed amongst all members of the constituent lodges.

A lodge submitted an amendment by which it proposed to reduce its initiation fees from \$60.00 to \$40.00. The Grand Lodge committee concerned did not consider this proposed reduction was for the best interests of the Order and recommended that it be not approved. Grand Lodge agreed, but at a later communication the committee reported at length on fees for the degrees, from which it would appear that the great majority of the Masonic Districts were of the opinion that lower fees would not substantially increase the number of applicants. It was peculiar that with only two exceptions, localities with the higher

initiation fees were among those opposed to any reduction. Certain questions brought out the thought that an association which did not command the keen and enthusiastic interest of its own members could not hope to excite much desire to enter it from others, which the committee says is "a restatement of the old truth, that the dangers to Freemasonry are within the body rather than from some outside forces." The committee finally came to the conclusion that no general reduction in initiatory fees is either demanded or desirable as a Grand Lodge policy, but in certain cases particular lodges should be given individual consideration on the basis of the facts presented.

Several lodges celebrated anniversaries. These ranged from twenty-five years to one hundred and seventy-five years. Each anniversary was made the occasion of a Special Communication of Grand Lodge, which participated in the proceedings. Most of these lodges have an interesting history from their formation down to the present day printed in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, which was read at the anniversary.

The Grand Master laid the corner stone of the Temple of Marine Lodge in the town of Falmouth. A photograph of the occasion is shown in the Proceedings in which the Grand Master appears to be wearing a cocked hat, while his deputy wears the regulation silk.

At the June communication the Grand Master noted that when a presiding Master invited a Past Master or visiting Master to assume the East he tendered him the gavel, but did not invest him with the Master's collar and jewel, and while the act of inviting another to preside in his lodge is purely an act of courtesy on the part of the Master, the Grand Master says it should be done in such a manner as to make the one to whom it is extended feel that it is genuine and sincere and suggests that the collar and jewel should go with the gavel.

Apparently there has been an outbreak of the "chain letter pest" in Massachusetts, calling for emphatic condemnation from the Grand Master saying that no Mason should write such a letter or in any way help its circulation.

The September communication was held in Boston on September 11th, 1935. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master was greatly shocked and deeply grieved to learn of the sudden death on July 6th of Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. He spoke of the passing of this distinguished brother as a distinct loss to Masonry, not only in England, but throughout the world. To Massachusetts Lord Amptill was always a firm friend and worked in most harmonious co-operation with them in all matters of common interest. He immediately cabled Lord Cornwallis, the Deputy Grand Master and representative of his Grand Lodge near the United Grand Lodge of England, following the cable with a letter of condolence. Grand Lodge passed a special resolution of regret and sympathy.

During his year the Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and speaks of his cordial reception and the pleasant relations which exist between the two Grand Jurisdictions.

He has a good deal to say about Grand Lodge dues and the way they are collected, quoting two letters from Masters which throw some

light on the subject. He had to personally instruct District Deputies to interview personally the Masters of the lodges where delinquencies existed and to solicit their co-operation in the collection of these dues. It would appear from the letters and from reports received that the Masters of lodges do not seem to properly supervise the work of the Secretary or the Treasurer. Consequently the Secretary turns over all moneys received to the Treasurer, who is constantly concerned with providing for the payment of orders regularly coming through on approval of the Master and Wardens, necessary lodge expenses and for charity, but the item of Grand Lodge dues seems to have been overlooked in many cases. The Grand Master is of the opinion that there should be a better system of separating Grand Lodge dues from lodge dues and considers the advisability of appointing a special committee to take steps to improve the condition. The failing is a common one in Alberta; Secretaries do not set apart Grand Lodge dues when members pay their lodge dues and when the time comes for making returns the treasury is often empty, the Grand Lodge money having been used for the lodge purposes.

At this communication M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, P.G.M., made an extremely interesting address of which the main points were given in the Proceedings. He had been on a somewhat extended trip to Europe and found Masonry had been suppressed in Italy, Germany and Russia, saying it is impossible for dictatorships to allow Masonry to exist where they rule. In Spain, Masonry is not prohibited, but is not favored, officers of the army and navy are not permitted to be Masons. In Portugal, Masonry is prohibited. In Switzerland the fate of Masonry is in doubt, its enemies have been very active there. In France there is a schism in the Grand Orient and there are also two other Masonic groups, the only one recognized by Massachusetts being the National Grand Lodge. Here too the enemies of Masonry are very active. In Belgium and Holland, Masonry stands fairly well, though not strong in numbers. In Sweden, Norway and Denmark, Masonry is very influential, its numbers are not great, but its personnel is of the highest order, the Kings of Sweden and Denmark are the Grand Masters. The King of Norway is friendly to Masonry, but does not associate himself with it because the Norwegians have a theory that the King should have no secrets from the people. In Czechoslovakia and in Roumania Masonry is doing well. The situation may be fairly summed up by saying that Masonry is not really strong and prosperous anywhere in Europe, except in the British Isles and the Scandinavian countries.

The Committee on Charters and By-laws had an amendment from a lodge providing for Life Membership for consideration and approval. They found the by-law failed to provide for a life membership fund and recommended that the by-law include such plan, by which all moneys received from the sale of life membership should be placed in such a fund, which should be held inviolate, the interest or income thereof to go to the general funds of the lodge in lieu of dues. They also add, "Life Members shall be exempt from the further payment of annual lodge dues." Apparently Grand Lodge dues are still paid to Grand Lodge for these members.

At the December communication notice of the very sudden death of M. W. Bro. Curtis Chipman, P.G.M., was given by the Grand Master. This distinguished brother was widely known and regarded as a Masonic leader. He was an honorary member of the Grand

Lodges of Ireland and Scotland and his passing will be a severe loss to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The death of R. W. Bro. Lord Cornwallis, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was noted with deep regret.

Numerous bequests are listed, several of them being in very substantial amounts, left for the support of the Masonic Home.

An interesting event at this communication was the promotion by Grand Lodge of R. W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary, to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master. The Grand Master approached the subject by a separate address entitled "Honorary Membership," in which he traced the practice of conferring Honorary Membership from 1776 in Germany, quoting England, Scotland, Ireland and the United States, giving instances of several Royal and noble names as well as commoners, and ending his address by recommending that the honorary rank of Past Grand Master be conferred upon their Grand Secretary. M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, P.G.M., then addressed Grand Lodge giving some facts of R. W. Bro. Hamilton's Masonic career before he moved the motion, which was duly seconded and passed unanimously. The Grand Master then invested M. W. Bro. Hamilton with a Past Grand Master's apron which belonged to the late M. W. Bro. Dana J. Flanders, P.G.M., as a special honor.

At the Stated Communication on December 27th the Officers of Grand Lodge were installed, followed by the Grand Feast, which is an annual banquet marked by several excellent addresses.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

J.H.W.S.K.

MEXICO (YORK GRAND LODGE)

Seventy-fifth Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Elliot B. Turnbull.

All but one constituent lodge was represented. The Grand Representative of Alberta was present.

This Grand Lodge carries on under very difficult conditions. The membership is comparatively small—785; lodges somewhat scattered and evidently the field for candidates is restricted to English speaking foreigners. The Government has placed such rigorous restrictions upon foreign entry that prospects for increase in membership are not great.

The Grand Master's address is couched in truly Masonic terms as he points out uncomplainingly the difficulties under which they are carrying on and yet withall breathes optimism throughout. Economies in printing proceedings and other directions enabled them to finance without a deficit. For the coming year he recommends that each lodge make a grant of twenty-five pesos to Grand Lodge and that brethren shall pay not less than one peso per copy for the new Constitution, when printed. But even when thus harrassed financially the true spirit is evidenced by his recommendation that Grand Lodge shall waive the payment of the per capita on all members whose dues have been remitted by the constituent lodge.

An educational program was inaugurated last year in which the main topics were Symbolism, Masonic Jurisprudence, The Old Charges and The Landmarks. The smaller lodges found some difficulty in carrying out the program.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were very pleased to report recognition had been received from New Zealand. A review of Alberta 1935 is included in their report. The idea of Masonic Plays appealed to them.

Lodges, 15. Membership, 785.

Grand Master, Walter S. Turnpaugh.

Grand Secretary, Fred T. Berger.

V.H.M.

MICHIGAN

The Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in the City of Grand Rapids on 28th of May, 1935, with M. W. Bro. Frank S. Gould, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta's Grand Representative was absent. R. W. Bro. Dunlop, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was received. This was followed by placing the Union Jack at the Altar side by side with Old Glory.

The Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan was also a distinguished guest.

During recess the Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan O. E. S. was received.

The Knights of Columbus, Grand Rapids, sent a bouquet of flowers to the Grand Master at the opening of Grand Lodge.

Net worth including Masonic Home Buildings \$1,259,934.73.

The problem of the financial conditions of some lodges received the attention of the Grand Master and we excerpt from his address as follows:

"Your Grand Master has been aware of the financial difficulties of some of our lodges. In some places it is not difficult to see the utter impossibility of their meeting their contracts. Where this condition exists, our organization is suffering. You will not find a Grand Master willing to assume the entire responsibility for correcting this situation. Therefore, I would recommend that the incoming Grand Master should be asked to appoint a committee to investigate these conditions as well as the advisability of consolidating various lodges, and to lay its findings before the Grand Lodge next year for its consideration."

508 Lodges. Membership, 123,454. Decrease, 6,703.

M. W. Bro. Harvey A. Sherman, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

MINNESOTA

Eighty-second Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 16th, 1935.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Bertram S. Adams.

Lodges, 309. Members, 53,613. Loss, 2,445.

Alberta was represented by Bro. E. J. Simons, Grand Representative.

In opening his address Grand Master Adams says:

"I believe Masonry in Minnesota is in a healthy and progressive state."

"What has pleased me a great deal is the fine spirit of harmony that prevails in most lodges."

Minnesota held a Rededication Night on a common date for all lodges in the jurisdiction when the brethren were asked to renew their obligations. Gratifying results are reported.

Grand Master Adams discusses the troublesome liquor business and is uncompromising in his attitude that Masonry in his Jurisdiction will have none of it.

A sound belief and philosophy is contained in the Grand Master's concluding sentences:

"As I review my contacts with Masons and Masonic Lodges throughout the state, I have the feeling that Masonry is doing good work. I believe it acts as a sound and conservative body in a time when such an influence is greatly needed. Although the outlook for the future is bright, there are a great many serious questions to be settled, and the men who belong to our Order should, and I believe will, act as a strong, conservative element to offset radical and impetuous ideas that threaten the stability of society. Masonry has done great work for our country in the past. It now has an even greater opportunity in maintaining our long-tried and well-established principles of society and government. Masonry has a great opportunity in the immediate future. Let us realize our opportunity and accept our responsibility."

The annual oration, by W. Bro. Rufus W. Hitchcock, deals with good citizenship and the duty of the individual to assist in obtaining good government. "The world is out of joint" pleads W. Bro. Hitchcock, "what are we doing about it." Alas, the echo seems to answer, "what?"

A proposed form of Burial Service was offered by a Special Committee appointed a year ago to prepare a report. The proposed Service with minor modifications was adopted and appears in the Proceedings.

No higher tribute could be paid to the work of any brother than that paid to Bro. Frank G. Warner for his services at Rochester with sick and afflicted brethren.

Says the Committee of Bro. Warner: "His ministry to the minds and spirits of the sick and afflicted is in many cases quite as conducive to convalescence as is the ministry of Doctors and Surgeons."

In the Review of Foreign Correspondence, Alberta, as always, receives a generous portion.

Eighty-third Annual Communication at St. Paul, January 15th, 1936.

Grand Master—Eugene G. McKeown, Pipestone.

Grand Secretary—John Fishel, St. Paul.

A.M.M.

MISSISSIPPI

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Marshall W. Miller.

In the shortest address of a Grand Master we have yet seen, seven pages, M. W. Bro. Miller finds space to say the following:

“Masons throughout the jurisdiction will rejoice with me in the fact that the past year has been one of gradual recovery.

“There are two avenues by which we may obtain the necessary increased revenue for our Home. One is by increasing the per capita. The other is by making it obligatory for every applicant for the degrees to deposit with his petition fee an additional sum to be paid to the Home Fund. After considerable thought I am of the opinion that to raise the per capita would not be wise. The second method would solve our problem.

“Information has reached me that some Secretaries neglect to present communications of interest to the lodge. I am especially referring to communications signed by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary. These letters are not sent out for the purpose of being pigeon holed. When a Secretary fails to present these he is not only derelict in his duty but is also violating his obligation to this Grand Lodge.

“On the refusal of a Worshipful Master to comply with the requirements of Grand Lodge I had his jewel arrested and placed with Senior Warden. Since that time a revival of interest has taken place and harmony prevails.”

The Grand Lodge of Rio de Janiero was accorded recognition. Later in the session Parabia, Brazil, received the same courtesy.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the State Governor as Grand Orator in the place of a Congressman absent in Washington. We looked for the oration, but evidently it was given elsewhere than in Grand Lodge. It should have been a “pip” under the circumstances.

The Finance Committee felt that sufficient importance attached to the 450 pages of the Proceedings required to print the list of lodges with members that it be again included in the same. This Grand Lodge suffered very badly from loss in membership, thereby placing a terrific burden upon the Finance Committee. In 1930 revenues were \$111,254.00, while by 1934 they had dropped to \$52,109.00. Optimism

prevails again as they report an actual increase in membership this year. The per capita tax was set at \$2.50.

Some lodges have been collecting their dues all right, but failing to pay Grand Lodge. A resolution was passed directing Secretaries to set up a special fund into which Grand Lodge per capita shall be placed when collected and that it may not be used for any other purpose than paying Grand Lodge dues. Another resolution affecting Secretaries who have been delinquent in sending in returns was a change from a straight \$10.00 fine to a graduated one increasing monthly and chargeable to the lodge or the Secretary.

The Law Committee ruled that Mississippi Masonic law was silent on the Beer and Wine selling question.

In a supplemental report the Finance Committee sympathize with the Grand Master in his recommendation that lodge Secretaries be paid mileage to Grand Lodge, but thumbs went down on it owing to shortage of funds.

The incoming Grand Master spoke as follows:

"I am of the opinion that one of the greatest needs of Masonry today is a better relationship among members of the Craft. If Masonry is to attain its ideal there should be more practising and less preaching. Precept alone, however pure and lofty, means little; fulfillment means everything. A promise by itself means nothing; keeping a promise means everything. The best help a member can give to his lodge and his obligations is to obey them. A real Mason's only claim is the right to live and play the man. He is dependable and treats his fellowman as he would have them treat him. A real Mason is glad to live and not afraid to die. He is the finest, best and noblest thing on earth."

Alberta 1934 is kindly reviewed in the Correspondence Report.

Lodges, 343. Membership, 20,597. Gain, 319.

Grand Master, Simon H. Rubel.

Grand Secretary, E. L. Faucette.

V. H. M.

MISSOURI

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Missouri convened in its One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Communication at St. Joseph on Tuesday, September 24th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. DuVal Smith, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Missouri certainly had a surfeit of distinguished guests, among whom were the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as well as a number of the dignitaries of the so-called Higher Orders. These were all welcomed and received with the honors due their rank.

The address of the Grand Master follows the usual conventional line of recounting his activities during his year of office. In speaking of finances he tells us that Grand Lodge lived within income, and that \$137,554.53 was spent on the Masonic Home and \$9,850.00 was turned over to the Welfare Committee.

Among his decisions we find that the Grand Master does not approve of a lodge sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop or any other outside institution.

He recommended that the Committee on the Revision of the By-laws receive an appropriation of \$750.00.

Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, was a Missouri Mason and the Grand Master recommended that a suitable memorial should be erected at Hannibal in connection with the Centennial celebration.

The report of the Grand Secretary indicates that there has been a net loss in membership of 2,862 members, still an improvement is shown in the number of initiations recorded. The recognition of Veteran Masons by this Grand Lodge is a feature worth mentioning and it is interesting to note that among the many who received buttons, some had attained seventy years affiliations with the Craft.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings. This report was augmented by a statement from W. Bro. Samuel Thurman, Grand Chaplain, who had recently returned from a trip through Germany and outlined conditions Masonically as he found them, and his remarks give food for thought.

The Proceedings contain a tribute to Anthony O'Sullivan a former Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent delivered upon the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial tablet in commemoration of his services to the Fraternity.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we learn that the increase in the degree work has stimulated the interest of the brethren to a marked degree, which only goes to show that when there is work to be done the brethren are ready to assume their responsibilities.

Under the title of "The Masonic World" M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow presents his report of the Foreign Correspondence in what may be termed the "topical" form. We always enjoy Bro. Denslow's foreword and this year he is equally interesting in his plea for "Toleration and Co-operation" particularly that portion dealing with the foreign situation in Latin America which sheds a great deal of light on the condition of Masonry in South America. We in the North, not being conversant with Spanish, would do well to take heed to the warnings sounded by our more informed brethren and assist in solving the problem they present. To the Masonic Student the "Topical Review" offers an excellent book of reference on the activities of Masonry in 1934.

M. W. Bro. James W. Skelly, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

MONTANA

Seventy-first Annual Communication held at Missoula, August 31st, 1935; M. W. Bro. George Warren Craven, Grand Master. Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. J. W. Speer, her Grand Representative.

The death of R. W. Bro. John E. Lewis, Senior Grand Warden, was recorded.

Many distinguished guests were present at the opening ceremonies including the Grand Masters of North Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho.

The Grand Master's address is a catalogue of a strenuous year's work of prime interest to the members in Montana, but offering little room for comment from a distant reviewer.

We observe the Grand Master lists part of the Agenda for discussion at the Grand Master's Conference in Washington. The subjects chosen interest Masons everywhere but except as a list of themes, no material for a reviewer's comment is included.

Montana supports a small museum and several interesting accessories are reported for the year.

Work has begun on a new Grand Lodge building in Helena.

Based upon the text, "No Man is Free, Who is not Bound," R. W. Bro. George S. Sloan, Grand Chaplain, delivered a thoughtful address on the slavery of ignorance. The address appears in full and is decidedly worth some quietly contemplative reading.

As in most of the Grand Lodges, the liquor question is bothering, but Montana seems to be less rabid than most.

The Committee on Jurisprudence after making pertinent comment on the requirement of Grand Masters ruling on the question of the physical fitness of petitioners, very neatly condense their views in a sentence and recommend it as a true construction of the law on the subject.

"A Candidate for the degree of Entered Apprentice should be able physically, as well as intellectually, to receive and impart all the essentials of Masonic recognition, and this the lodge may determine."

No review of Foreign Correspondence appears in these Proceedings.

Seventy-second Annual Communication to be held at Butte, Montana, August 19th, 20th, 1936.

Grand Master, John R. Lloyd, Great Falls.

Grand Secretary, Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

A.M.M.

NEBRASKA

Seventy-eighth Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 4th 1935.

In the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Virgil R. Johnson, Grand Master. Lodges, 291. Membership, 35,043. Loss, 3,131.

Alberta was represented by her Grand Representative Bro. Earl M. Bolen. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present and received with the Grand Honors.

In his address Grand Master Johnson reports "a fair degree of progress in many lines of Masonic endeavor" and draws attention to the

fact that "the reinstatements during the past Masonic Year are approximately 100 per cent greater than they have ever been in any one previous year of the history of this Grand Lodge."

The question of consolidation of weaker lodges receives some pertinent comment and it is to be noted that the Grand Master recommends very real caution in starting more lodges in localities where there is doubt of their future success.

The Liquor Question and its relation to Masonic Law again finds voice in the Grand Master's address wherein he makes the following comment:

"As I view this preplexing question, it should be solved from one hypothesis only: Freemasonry is strictly a moral institution whose prominent characteristic is its universality. It is quite evident, therefore, that no law can be appropriately selected, or laid down, as a fundamental basis of government, less universal than the Moral Law, and it is not in the power of any legislative body to legalize that which is morally wrong, in the light of making it proper for Masons to practise. I am well convinced that Masonry cannot afford to be influenced by any popular demand for a change of attitude on this all important subject. Our history and traditions set us apart as an institution based on unchangeable principles, public opinion to the contrary.

"Whatever becomes a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Great Light of Masonry, or a violation of the State or National laws, becomes an offense against the fundamental principles of the Fraternity and should be dealt with accordingly."

To this reviewer occurs the opinion that Grand Master Johnson takes in far too much territory and indeed indulges in not a little sentimentality. Naturally the State or National Laws of another country are no business of ours, nor are the Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Nebraska. If the latter state, and presumably they do, that no man engaged in the wholesale or retail sale of liquor in the State of Nebraska can become a Mason that ends the business for this Grand Lodge. But to make the question of 3.2% beer a canon of the Moral Law and an offence against "the precepts of the Great Light of Masonry" is frankly spreading it on a bit thick.

Then there is an implication in the remarks regarding the universality of Masonry that brethren elsewhere who do not interpret the liquor business quite so narrowly might conceivably be tagged as "immoral" which we do believe was not in the Grand Master's mind when he wrote his sweeping sentences.

From the Grand Secretary's report we cull the following encouraging sentences: "Whatever else may be said—the Lodges in this State have their chins up and are looking forward with confidence to the future."

"While the number (of members) has been cut from last year, the increase in apprentices, and reinstatements, indicates that we are on the upgrade again, with undiminished faith, and increasing knowledge of our duties as Masons and citizens."

From the Report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace we quote a neat paragraph:

"The world has been too prone to recognize two standards by which to judge conduct; one applied to the conduct of individuals, and the other to the conduct of nations. It is this double standard that makes the nations suspicious of each other. Only an honest world can become a peaceful world."

Under the title "A Mason Lives up to His Name" the oration of Bro. Frank Fields Travis, Grand Orator, appears in full. Its flavor may be savoured by the following significant paragraph:

"Masonry has never deserted her standards; we have never doubted or modified an obligation; we have never softened our penalties. We have learned out of these long and hard centuries there is a 'MUST' in life, as there is a foundation to a building. There is a truth that makes us free and we hold it sacred."

Recognition is granted the Grand Lodges of Bolivia, Rio de Janeiro, Parahyba and Bahia, the last three in Brazil. Recognition of Amazonas and Acre, Ceara and Para in Brazil and "Cosmos" in Chihuahua, Mexico, is deferred.

The usual statistical tables and an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence arranged by topical reference complete a very useful and interesting volume.

Seventy-ninth Annual Communication at Omaha, June 9th, 1936.

Grand Master—William C. Ramsey, Omaha.

Grand Secretary—Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A. M. M.

NEVADA

Seventy-first Annual Communication, June 13th and 14th, 1935, at Elko.

M. W. Bro. George L. Swartz, Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order at High Twelve in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Elko.

Ten Past Grand Masters answered the Roll Call. A large number of Grand Representatives were also present; Alberta's Representative, Bro. R. A. Trimble, sent a letter regretting his inability to be present at this Communication.

The Grand Master presented a concise statement of his activities during the year. A circular had been issued urging adherence to the Masonic laws relating to the liquor question, and in this connection he recommended that if the laws pertaining to the liquor traffic and the members engaging therein were considered by the Grand Lodge proper and applicable to present conditions, effective means should be devised for their enforcement by the constituent lodges, and if not so considered proper and applicable they be amended or repealed. The situation demanded either one or the other of the alternatives. The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that the incoming Grand Master and Committee on Jurisprudence study the question, and report their recommendations, if any, at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge.

The views that the Grand Master sought to keep constantly before the Fraternity on the occasions of his visits are set out in a synopsis, from which we quote the following:

"The reason for our long existence as a fraternity and our survival . . . is to be found in the fact through this organization we are working in conformity with a fundamental urge of humanity toward self-preservation through benefit of the entire race. Being taught, and teaching others, that self-preservation can be best attained through exact justice to all, as opposed to that contrary and misguided belief in an individual scramble for supremacy, resulting in greed, oppression, conquest and destructive competition. In other words, our belief in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. . . . That we must constantly promulgate our beliefs, and militantly combat all agencies seeking to destroy this Faith in God and the Brotherhood of Man, and to substitute therefor unbelief, opportunism, avarice, and oppression of the weak. . . . That a Republic or Democracy best expresses, in government, this brotherhood of man and those principles to which we as Masons are committed. . . . In Democracy only can Freemasonry survive."

Fraternal relations were established with the Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre, whose headquarters are at Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Requests for fraternal recognition from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile, the Grand Lodge Occidental of Columbia, and the Grand Lodge Independent Cosmos of Chihuahua, Mexico, were indefinitely postponed.

A warning of the growth of Communism in the United States was given in the address of the Grand Orator, George B. Russell. Its antipathy to the ideals of Masonry was shown, as also its danger to the common weal.

The Grand Secretary, V. M. Henderson, as Foreign Correspondent, reviewed seventy-three Grand Jurisdictions, and gave the results of his reading in a very comprehensive Report. Alberta is given due consideration, and situations with which our Grand Lodge was called upon to deal are noted without comment. One feels, however, that his silence was at time eloquent of his thoughts.

A. F. Aymer, Reno, Grand Master.

V. M. Henderson, Reno, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1934)

We regret very much that these Proceedings did not reach us in time for the inclusion of a review in 1935.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication was held in St. John on 23rd August, 1934, M. W. The Hon. John B. M. Baxter, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-one Grand Representatives were in attendance but this number did not include Alberta.

On 10th October, 1933, the Grand Master dedicated the temple owned and occupied by Salisbury Lodge No. 20 at Salisbury.

Weather conditions prevented the Grand Master paying as many visits as he wished, but his address nevertheless indicates that he spent a busy, active Masonic year.

He recommends that degrees be exemplified at the Annual Communication or that there should be at least one address by a competent speaker.

The Grand Secretary reports a decrease in membership of 214, mostly accounted for by suspensions and withdrawals.

The sum of \$1,425.00 was expended by the Benevolent Committee. The capital of the fund is \$66,650.29.

The Board of General Purposes recommends that actual expenses incurred by the District Deputy Grand Masters up to \$25.00 be paid. This is a move in the right direction—if funds permit.

A special report of the Board of General Purposes relative to the Order of the Eastern Star was adopted. The report in brief is:

- (a) This order is not and cannot be Masonic.
- (b) It cannot be affiliated to or connected with Masonry in any respect.
- (c) It is undesirable that any information should be given to this order regarding the standing of any members in Masonic Lodges.
- (d) That Masons devote their energies to building up their own lodges.

All of which is as it should be.

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented brief reports of their activities. Praise is given where it is due and condemnation meted out where it is merited. In reporting on one lodge the District Deputy Grand Master says:

"The attendance of members was disappointing and their work not very well done."

Honest criticism is always constructive.

He recommends the appointment of a special committee by the Grand Master to deal with the situation. This brother has a proper appreciation of the responsibilities attaching to his high office.

There is no fraternal correspondence. Now that the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island has made a start in this direction we hope New Brunswick will follow suit.

G.M.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire held its One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Communication in the City of Concord on Wednesday, May 15th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. Orville E. Cain, Grand Master, presiding.

For the first time the roll of the Grand Representatives was ordered to be called, each taking his place at the altar, when greetings were

exchanged and a welcome extended by the Grand Master. It is with regret that we again note the absence of Alberta in the list.

The Grand Master in his address gives an account of his stewardship and notes an improvement and a quickening of interest in the lodges. The war relief fund has been piling up as the purpose for which it was instituted is not now existent and the Grand Master suggests that the Income of this Fund be used for charity purposes.

It would appear that the brethren of New Hampshire have been generous in their contributions when called upon, and inasmuch as their "Home" requires an extension a plea is made by the Grand Master for the establishment of a fund to take care of this purpose.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence deals with the request of eight Grand Bodies for recognition, all of which were refused: The report is rather interesting reading, giving ample reason for the conclusions arrived at.

We note that M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary, celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary in this office and was presented with twenty-five red roses to mark the occasion. A very sweet thought indeed, and we would extend our congratulations and trust he will enjoy that high office for many years to come.

The report of the correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. H. M. Cheney and this constitutes his twenty-ninth report. In his Foreword he has this to say:

"A lot of us think that Freemasonry has been hit pretty hard. So it has, but only in just one way—in mere dollars. There's a cure for that kind of an ill. Our foundation has not felt it. Our mission is not over and never will be. Let's admit we have learned something in the shake up. Folks who learn get somewhere."

Alberta is given a page of comment on our 1934 Proceedings and we thank the reviewer for his generous treatment.

Halsey C. Edgerton, Grand Master.

Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Trenton on April 17, 18, 1935; M. W. Bro. Francis P. Morton, Grand Master.

They had a wonderful representation at Grand Lodge, all their officers being present. This list included fourteen Grand Chaplains. It also included twenty-nine District Deputies, of whom R. W. Bro. Howard L. Carter, D.D., of District 29, represented Alberta, while the lodges were mostly represented by their Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens, only two proxies being issued. Only five lodges of 284 on the list were not represented. Of their twenty-one Past Grand Masters only one was missing, M. W. Bro. Fortmeyer, now a veteran of 96 years of age. Grand Lodge sent him a special message of affec-

tionate greeting. Master Masons were also listed in large numbers as visitors.

The Grand Master's address opened on an optimistic, cheerful note. He congratulated Grand Lodge on the fact that the loss in membership was only 4,093, of which 1,321 was made up of those who had passed on, the net decrease being considerably less than the previous year. The writer turned to the Grand Secretary's Report for further light and found the total membership to be as at January 1st, 1935, 85,870. After all, it is only a matter of proportion and is not out of line with our own decrease.

He impressed his hearers with the importance of ever remembering that Masonry instructs its initiates that, "In the State you are to be a quiet and peaceable citizen, true to your government and just to your country," and goes on to point out that in these times some members have seemingly forgotten this injunction, evidenced by personal acts not conducive to the best interests of the State or the Nation, and if permitted to go on without check may result in an "Ism" quite out of step with Americanism, and hopes that all Masons will stand together with other constructive forces to stem the tide of un-American trends. He said much more, but substitute "Canadianism" for "Americanism" and it is quite applicable to ourselves.

The Grand Master found that the effect of excusing the lodges from paying the per capita tax of \$1.00 for the Masonic Charity Foundation would result in the income being insufficient to take proper care of the increased requests for assistance. He therefore asked each lodge to subscribe 15c per capita with their 1934 annual dues to be used as income by the Fund, thereby making the annual dues to Grand Lodge \$2.20 instead of \$3.05. The response was excellent and enabled the carrying on of relief work in an adequate manner for another year.

He warmly approved of the "Sojourners Plan." By this plan when a member removes to another jurisdiction his lodge notifies the Grand Secretary of his removal and his new address, who in turn sends the information on to the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction to which the member has moved, with a request that the nearest lodge be notified and asked to call upon him and invite him to visit. No doubt this will keep many a brother in touch who otherwise might drop out.

In Masonic Educational matters he took a deep interest and in a circular letter to the lodges proposed a rather drastic regulation, which would have made the advancement of a candidate impossible without the signed certificate of the District Supervisor that the candidate had appeared before him and had been instructed. Grand Lodge did not at first concur, but finally reconsidered the proposal, deleted all compulsory features and adopted his recommendation as amended.

The Grand Master made full acknowledgment for the "splendid co-operation" of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, his associate Grand Lodge Officers and his Board of General Activities, in permitting the use of much of the material contained in their "Lodge Plan of Masonic Education."

He found much misunderstanding and ill feeling engendered between lodges by the requirement of waiver of jurisdiction over an

applicant before a lodge may act on the petition of one not resident within its jurisdiction. He recommended that all lodges in New Jersey have concurrent jurisdiction, but Grand Lodge did not concur.

Several distinguished visitors briefly addressed Grand Lodge at different times throughout the proceedings. The M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts referred to Masonic Education in his jurisdiction, saying that some years ago they established Lodges of Instruction. He thought the title should have been "Lodges of Inspiration," because the lodges seemed to think they were being compelled to go to school again; but he blames the great shrinkage which has taken place in membership during the past four years to the fact that we took in so many and were in such a hurry to get them through the three degrees to make room for the next group, we altogether neglected to instruct them, consequently doing both the candidates and Masonry a real injustice. M. W. Bro. Allen concluded his remarks by presenting the Grand Master with the Henry Price medal of his jurisdiction. This medal was struck in 1888 as a memorial of the distinguished brother who was their first Provincial Grand Master and a great Mason. This is the highest honor and award within his privilege as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts to bestow.

The veteran Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Isaac Cherry, presents a concise report. He mentions among other things that he had a birthday the previous year, the date of which some inquiring mind had discovered, with the result that he had more mail on his desk that day than he was able to attend to then or since, and takes this method of thanking the senders. He is careful, however, not to mention the important particular—what birthday it was; but we do know he has well and worthily filled the office of Grand Secretary since 1917. May we add our congratulations.

Mention might be made of the many reports of various committee and of other addresses. Bro. His Honor the Governor of New Jersey spoke along the same line of thought indicated by the Grand Master in his opening remarks. The address of V. W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, the author of several Masonic works, and several other interesting matters might also be mentioned, but space will not permit.

The Review of Proceedings of other Jurisdictions is by M. W. Bro. Ernest P. Reid. Alberta 1934 receives liberal notice. With regret we note he states that this review completes his service as Chairman. For fifteen years he has been reviewing, the first five as assistant and the last ten as Chairman. We shall miss you Bro. Reid. Your reviews were always complete resumes of the important events, a pleasure to read, interesting and informative, and fraternal and courteous, however much you might disagree.

J.H.W.S.K.

NEW MEXICO

Several Special Communications were held during the year, most of them for the purpose of paying the last honours to departed Masons. One, however, held on November 17th, 1934, was held for the purpose of honouring the living. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary, had then completed fifty years of service in that position, a record as far as we know. It need not be said that many tributes were paid to Bro. Keen, and he must have felt that his many years of faithful devotion

to his Grand Lodge had not passed unnoticed. We will add our congratulations to the many that he received on that occasion.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Clovis on March 18th and 19th, 1935. The Mayor of Clovis welcomed the brethren, after which Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master in Ample Form.

The Grand Master reported that interest in Masonry throughout the State, both on the part of members and of those seeking admission to the Order, had increased to a surprising degree. The number of petitioners accepted by lodges was almost double that of the previous year. Encouraging reports were coming in from all parts of the State on programs of interest adopted by the lodges and resulting in increased attendance. Net loss in membership was 179 as compared with 574 for the previous year.

There were, however, scattered clouds in the sky of Masonic prosperity. Two lodges existed on paper only, and had reached the point where they were bankrupt physically and financially. They had become liabilities to their communities and their continued existence detracted from the dignity of the Fraternity, and lowered the respect of the profane for the Institution.

New Mexico is still exerting every effort to assist tubercular brothers, even in cases where the brother's own Grand Lodge has failed to respond to appeals for help. It has always seemed to us that sister Grand Jurisdictions are not measuring up to the needs of their own brethren who have moved to New Mexico for climatic reasons. There are exceptions, of course, to this general statement.

The spread of Masonry is well illustrated in the story of a certain Masonic Apron, now the property of Roswell Lodge No. 18, as given by Bro. William Robinson. It is a remarkable story, and was well told, except in one point where he stated that in the Battle of Lundy's Lane in the Niagara Peninsula during the war of 1812-15 the English were defeated. We have always regarded this as a British and Canadian victory, but we do not wish to get into an historical argument. We notice, however, that Funk & Wagnall's New Standard Dictionary gives it as an indecisive battle.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence points out that the loss of members in the jurisdiction of the United States was 165,000 last year, and he pertinently asks: "Did we get poor material or did we do a poor job of teaching the lessons of Masonry to these men?" It is noted also that the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is still unfinished and in its present shape is not a great credit to Masonry.

Forty-eight Foreign Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed by Bro. John Milne, the Foreign Correspondent. Much information is given in the generally brief reports. A great deal of the report is in small type, which rather detracts from its value. Alberta is not given a place in the Review.

Reuben Perry, Albuquerque, Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was held in the City of New York on May 7th. 1935, with M. W. Bro. R. Elliot Owens, Grand Master, presiding.

R. W. Bro. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Senior Grand Chaplain, gave the invocation. It is always a privilege and a pleasure to read the prayers of this distinguished brother. It is with sincere regret that we read in the newspapers the other day of his passing and we would, at this time, express our deep sympathy at his loss to the Grand Lodge of New York and the congregation to whom he ministered.

The address of the Grand Master is a very readable document, and presents an excellent picture of the Craft and its many activities in the State of New York.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges but the Committee on Charters could only recommend that two be granted their charter.

The "Go to Church Sunday" is an annual feature in this jurisdiction and is well responded to by the brethren.

It seems that certain non-Masonic Bodies have been exemplifying their ritual before the membership of the lodge in the lodge room, and under a ruling of the Grand Master, and rightly so, this cannot be permitted and the lodges have been ordered to stop this practice.

New York has under its jurisdiction several lodges in Syria-Lebanon, which had not been visited for seven years. The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, visited every one of the lodges during the past year and the Grand Master delayed the reading of his address to enable the Grand Secretary to make his report. The Grand Secretary states that the brethren in Syria take their Masonry very seriously, their meetings are well attended and absent brethren are called up next day to explain their absence. Only one lodge is English speaking, the others having their ritual in the Arabic Language. Some of the lodges use the Koran on their altar, others the Holy Bible, while some use both. When offered the opportunity to form their own Grand Lodge, they expressed the desire to remain with the Grand Lodge of New York.

The giving of Grand Honors at Public Ceremonies has been abolished in this jurisdiction on the recommendation of the Board of Custodians.

The Grand Master makes a strong plea for the organization of a Grand Master's Charity Fund and from his address we cull the following:

"There are thousands of our members who are able and as, I believe, willing to give of their abundance in order that the practice of Benevolence and Charity may become a veritable reality in their Masonic living. For in the final analysis, Brethren, 'Free Masonry is a life to be lived, not a mere formality to be perfunctorily observed; Free Masonry is a life to be lived, not a set of empty creeds to which mere lip service is given; Free Masonry is a life grounded in religion, organized in morality, mellowed by good fellowship, humanized in Charity and

dedicated to service. . . . We then, who are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves'."

Many distinguished brethren were welcomed to this Communication, among whom were the Grand Masters of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

The Grand Lodge of New York extended full recognition to the following Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo,
Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre,
Grand Lodge of Para,
Grand Lodge of Minaes and Geraes,
Grand Lodge of Ceara,

all of which are located in the United States of Brazil.

Mutual intervisitation between the lodges of Antioquia of Paraguay and of Argentine Freemasonry were authorised until the committee decided finally whether fraternal relations should be established with these Grand Bodies. The committee were not prepared to recommend the application of the several Grand Lodges in Mexico and asked that these be held over. Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, Copenhagen, as this body was formed without the consent of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark.

An important report and an interesting one, is that of the Board of General Activities which deals with the supervision of the Grand Lodge Library and of its several branch libraries, the Grand Lodge Museum and renders service to the lodges by assisting the Masters to plan their meetings. It also has charge of the "New York Masonic Outlook" a magazine which has been of great service to the Craft.

To the Masonic student we recommend the reading of the report of the Grand Historian prepared by Ossian Lang who endeavors to trace the connection between Medieval Craft Guilds and present day Freemasonry. It is a very concise statement containing much data which would enable the Educational Committee of the lodges to prepare very interesting papers.

The report of the Fraternal Correspondence is prepared by a committee. Alberta is given generous treatment at their hands, our Finance Report being considered a "model of its kind."

M. W. Bro. R. Elliott Owens, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

NEW ZEALAND

In opening the Proceedings at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in December, 1935, eloquent and moving addresses were made in reference to the death of M. W. Bro. Earl Jellico, Past Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction.

We notice that the list of Annuitants amounts to over \$33,000.00 and that each of these are reviewed annually. The objective of this Grand Lodge is that the funds should be built up that the revenue earned by it would be covered by the amount required for annuities and that the subscriptions from the lodges should be capitalized each year.

In accordance with the custom prevailing in the Jurisdiction Past Grand rank was conferred by Grand Lodge on several of the brethren. Several officers of Grand Lodge welcomed His Excellency the Governor General.

Grand Lodge published in book form a series of articles on "The Extinct Lodges of New Zealand" dealing with early Masonic history in that country. This publication created great interest among the brethren.

The Board of General Purposes referring to lodge dress state that while conditions prevailing are greatly improved, compared to the previous twelve months, there is still much to be desired.

The following recommendations among others were made at the Fourth Masonic Conference of Australasian Grand Lodges in Tasmania: That the correct Masonic dress is a white tie when dinner jacket is worn; that at all times when a dinner jacket or other than full ordinary evening dress is worn, the apron should be worn on the outside of the coat; that unaffiliated brethren visiting lodges in any jurisdiction should indicate in the Attendance Register that they are unaffiliated.

A motion to reduce the Initiation fee as prescribed by the Constitution from eight guineas to five guineas was defeated.

We quote with approval the following remarks of the Grand Master re benevolence:

"Attention has also been directed to a growing tendency in some Lodges to regard these funds as the sole source of Masonic benevolence, and it cannot be too frequently pointed out that they are not intended to supplant, but to supplement the charity of individual brethren and Lodges."

And we quote him further in reference to Masonry:

"The ultimate test of any system or form of belief is the effect produced on the conduct of those who belong to it.

"They must, however, understand that Freemasonry means something more than wearing purple and gold, being addressed in high terms, and reciting beautiful ritual. The Masonic standard cannot be maintained except by personal service, and that means giving its principles and tenets practical application in daily life, by square conduct and upright actions, by rendering service to mankind whenever and wherever possible, and by merging personal interests into the greater interest of common life.

"Masters of Lodges must realise that presiding over a lodge and conferring degrees forms but a small part of their duty. It is their province to communicate light and instruction to their Brethren, and lead them to knowledge, wisdom and truth. As Rulers in the Craft they must apply spiritual principles to the conduct of material affairs, be guided by what they know to be right, not by what may

be profitable, or popular, and by precept and example contribute to the cause of righteousness and the exaltation of their nation."

The reports of the Provincial Grand Masters, corresponding to our District Deputy Grand Masters, show considerable visiting between lodges.

Among the instructions and decisions given by the Board of General Purposes we note the following: A warning against so-called Co-Masonry, a body admitting women and professing to work the three degrees of Craft Masonry. The brethren are warned that they must not belong to or attend meetings of this body.

Number of lodges, 306. Membership, 25,464.

Grand Master, Colonel James J. Esson, C.M.G., V.D.

Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. H. A. Lamb.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

* The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Roy F. Ebbs. Alberta was not represented. Distinguished visitors were present from Virginia and District of Columbia.

It is rather unusual for a Grand Master to be critical of one of his own actions, but that did not phase M. W. Bro. Ebbs. Blood is thicker than water when it comes to the relations existing between North and South Carolina and that of course necessitates the boys getting together occasionally. Their desire to meet as lodges jointly but with each doing their own opening at one of these "get togethers" left the Grand Master with an after thought. He reported that he did not believe he had the authority by their Code to grant a dispensation for a lodge to meet as such at a point other than that set out in their charter, in which of course he was quite right, inasmuch as the meeting was held in another jurisdiction. However, no harm was done and much fellowship was enjoyed.

Reviewing the ground covered by Masonic Education, the Grand Master points out the deficiency of a program directed toward the education of the candidate and newly admitted member. He finds that much effort has been spent to instruct the membership at large, too many of whom have been uninterested. He recommends that the Lodge Plan of Education of the candidate be followed for the next two years and that annual appropriations of \$500.00 be made.

They do not confer the Installed Master's degree upon the newly installed Master in North Carolina. Their Code sets out Masonic authority over the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry only. It was proposed to add to lodge revenues and stimulate the activities of Masters and Past Masters by charging them \$5.00 for receiving this degree. The Grand Master's thumbs went down on it.

When he stated that no business can make a satisfactory progress unless its finances are in good condition and applied the same to Masonry, we agree and feel that it is a matter given too little attention

by lodges. How can Masonry hold up its dignified head if it does not do the things it preaches through lack of funds? Someone must pay and pay promptly. Too often delinquency is a matter of "holding out."

District Deputies are to be paid their actual transportation expenses, not exceeding five cents per mile, after the Grand Master has certified that they have performed the duties of their offices, made the reports required, and in the time, form and manner prescribed.

Short shrift was given to a resolution giving twenty-five cents per capita discount to lodges paying their dues to Grand Lodge by a certain date. We have previously expressed our dislike of this idea when applied to lodge members dues and the principle is the same in this case.

They have a Masonic Education Loan Fund in North Carolina in which the auxiliary Masonic Bodies participate with the Grand Lodge. Naturally these other organizations like to have some say in the administration, but frankly we disagree with the principle of the motion which was adopted asking "Grand Lodge to amend its former resolution to conform with the amendments made by the Royal Arch and Grand Commandery." Earlier in the proceedings the Grand Master had occasion to quote from their Code: "From this proprietorship all authority possessed by subordinate lodges or individuals to assemble in the capacity of Masons in the name of Masonry is derived. In this we see the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, even over individual Masons." We would be a "last ditcher" in Grand Lodge to accepting the idea of an outside organization telling us what to do.

Incidentally, there are some interesting facts disclosed in connection with this same Educational Loan Fund, which will be informative to those in Alberta who gave this matter thought a year or two ago. It would appear that the Fund has been in existence at least since 1922. During this period 2,215 loans for \$189,000.00 have been made. Only 1,133 loans totalling \$105,000.00 have been completely collected, while there are outstanding 1,082 loans for an amount of \$96,740.00. Of the total notes outstanding there has been nothing paid at all on 569. The committee has found that quite a number of young ladies owing the fund upon graduation had soon thereafter married and "apparently lost their sense of responsibility for repayment." The Fund was originally started as a rotating fund, but seems to have developed into an indefinitely extended financial obligation.

A resolution with a political flavor suggesting mobilizing Masonic brains in the "interests of human betterment and unemployment and tendering them to the President of the United States" received the negative vote that such matters deserve.

The Finance Committee proposes (as adopted here some years ago) that no money appropriations shall be received in Grand Lodge after a stated hour in Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy's play "The Greatest of These" was presented in his presence to Grand Lodge. The comment is that this product of the Masonic Service Association has received tremendously responsive and enthusiastic reception. It would appear that the idea of Masonic plays is gaining hold across the continent.

1937 will be a great year for Masonry in the Carolinas with North celebrating its Sesqui-Centennial, for which an annual appropriation of \$250.00 is being made, and South which will hold its Bi-Centennial.

A member of a lodge killed another man, was charged in the courts with murder but was found guilty of manslaughter, on which he was given a sentence of four to six years. In his lodge he was tried for a Masonic offence based on the murder charge and using the evidence adduced in Court. He was found not guilty, which caused the Committee on Appeals to remand the case back to the lodge for re-trial on the charge of manslaughter. It would seem to us that it should have been the occasion for a Grand Officer to deliver a disciplinary reprimand to the lodge for such dereliction of duty. Sickly sentimentalism seeking substitutes for justice and shrinking from plain duty to society are quickly undermining respect for and administration of the law.

Fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives with the following jurisdictions was agreed upon:

Grand Lodge Benito Juarez of the State of Coahuila, Mexico.

Grand Lodge La Oriental Peninsular of the State of Yucatan, Mexico.

Grand Lodge El Potosi of the State of San Luis, Mexico.

Grand Lodge Norske Polarstjernen, Norway.

Grand Lodge of Paraguay.

Grand Lodge of Uruguay.

The Masonic Federation of Rumania.

The per capita cost of maintenance of children at the Orphanage was \$287.19 for the year.

We regret that the Review of Foreign Correspondence for local reasons of policy and politics is not of the usual scope, but the promise is given that the lapse is only temporary. The following excerpt on Anti-Masonry in France should be of interest:

"An organization styling itself the Interparliamentary Group of Defense against Masonic Activities, met recently in Paris and decided to intensify its work by creating the Anti-Masonic Union of France. The persecution of Freemasons in Continental Europe within the past decade appears to be spreading. First in Italy where 136 members of a lodge were slain in one night of bloody orgy, and where a Grand Master was confined in a dungeon on a penal island of that country; then in Germany where ten Grand Lodges were wiped out and their property confiscated, and now in Switzerland and France."

Membership, 28,292. Loss, 2,056.

Grand Master, Chas. B. Newcomb.

Grand Secretary, J. H. Anderson.

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Forty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held at Grand Forks, on June 18th and 19th, 1935. The atmosphere of the Communication was surcharged with hope and optimism, for never, in many years, if not in the entire history of the State, had there been a more favorable agricultural prospect throughout the length and breadth of North Dakota. The attendance at the first session was unusually large, and only three lodges failed to be represented.

Immediately after the singing of verses from "America" and "America, the Beautiful," W. Bro. Merle Gantsche, Master of Lebanon No. 34, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful gavel, with suitable inscription on a silver tablet.

The Address of Welcome was made by W. Bro. Charles N. Morwood, of Acacia Lodge No. 4. We notice that a delegation was present from Manitoba. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present, and greeted by Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, being, we notice, second in seniority, but the first in seniority of those present. Over fifty Grand Representatives were cordially welcomed.

The Grand Master reported that the year had been a busy one. Although ground had been lost numerically in recent years, yet Masonry had gained in the character and enthusiasm of its membership; and that these qualities, after all, were Masonry's strength. In the language of the Grand Master "The Great Architect of the Universe has again placed his bow of promise in the skies, and our brethren are sharing in the general feeling of optimism that pervades our Commonwealth. Copious rains have washed away the somber grey of early spring, and bedecked all nature in a rich, green raiment of unprecedented beauty."

Thirty-two dispensations had been issued, of which seven were to hold "open-air" meetings at isolated places. Among the dispensations was one that, under no circumstances, can the remains of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft be given Masonic burial.

Although membership seems to be giving a little trouble, as it is in several other Jurisdictions, the program of Masonic Service and Education was being carried out very satisfactorily, and there was noticed a constantly growing desire on the part of the Craft to be of service to their fellow-men.

A marked improvement in the financial position of most of the constituent lodges in North Dakota was reported. This was believed to be due largely to the adoption of better business practices, including the budgeting of expenses, closer fraternal contact between the lodge officers and the membership, and an increase in initiations resulting from the general improved financial conditions in the Northwest.

The Grand Master is of the opinion that the presentation of the third section of the third degree is neither advisable nor desirable in connection with every raising. He thinks that newly raised brethren might be assembled in classes, and the third section of the degree be presented before such classes, possibly at a special session of the lodge.

A good Masonic spirit prevails between the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and its neighbor in Manitoba. We notice that at the Washington Conference the consensus of opinion was that Masonry should

adapt itself to changing world conditions, and could do so without the sacrifice of any of its basic principles.

The Grand Master called attention to the presence of Communism and crime in the national life, and gave some startling figures thereon. We quote from his conclusion: "Many years ago North Dakota Masonry laid down certain fundamental principles, declaring that loyalty to country is just as vital in times of peace as it is in times of war and other national crises; that democracy, always a Masonic principle, depends upon an intelligent citizenry; that an intelligent citizenry depends upon our Free Public School system; . . . that any theory of Government which fails to recognize the supremacy of Almighty God and the rule of law is inimical to the welfare of Mankind; that no Master Mason is worthy of the title unless he is making a real contribution to the upbuilding of his community, his state and his nation."

The Grand Secretary reported a net loss in membership of 818.

We notice that work on the Washington Memorial is at a standstill, on account of lack of funds. North Dakota, however, had a good record in its contributions.

Fitting recognition was given to the fact that the Grand Secretary, Walter Lincoln Stockwell, had completed twenty-five years of service in his office, and his Silver Jubilee was appropriately recognized. Many of the brethren spoke most kindly and eulogistically of the Grand Secretary.

The Fraternal Correspondence was again in the capable hands of Past Grand Master Walter H. Murfin, who gives as his Foreword the very excellent postlude written by M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, the veteran Wisconsin Correspondent, shortly before his death in 1934. Alberta is briefly reviewed. We are pleased that the report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, given by this reviewer, meets with approval.

M. W. Bro. Lewis K. Thompson, of Bismark, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary. C.V.B.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Lunenburg on Wednesday, 12th June, 1935, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harris presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

M. W. Bro. E. C. Butler, P.G.M., of Maine, and others from that State were present and were welcomed in usual form.

Divine Service was held in St. John's Anglican Church, where the service was conducted by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. Stead, Grand Chaplain. One remark in the sermon should be quoted:

"Nations are after all composed of individuals, and what the individuals are that the nations will largely be. What the world needs today is an international view rather than a national one. 'My coun-

try right or wrong' is not a creed that will lead to a better understanding between the nations of the earth."

This theme is well and ably developed.

The Grand Master's address is what we would expect from Bro. Harris. A good deal of interesting Masonic history, a detailed record of his many official visits and of his many official activities, all indicative of a year of intensive service to his Grand Jurisdiction. He attended ten District Meetings, visited 28 lodges and attended 15 other functions.

He was called upon for 14 decisions, many of them dealing with constitutional points. One or two are particularly interesting.

On an application being presented it was referred to a committee. A member stated to one of the committee grounds of objection. The unfortunate member was called upon in open lodge to give his reasons for objecting. The Grand Master dealt firmly with this subject and in conclusion said:

"To call upon E. in open lodge to state his objection is most reprehensible and Masters have been reprimanded for less."

The punishment hardly fits the crime.

A lodge asked if a Petition may be received from a Mohammedan and if so on what book he should be obligated. The answer of course was "Yes—on the Koran."

We are glad to notice that the Grand Master refused a dispensation to a lodge to hold a raffle for an automobile.

Instead of a Board of General Purposes, as we have in Alberta, Nova Scotia has a Board of Jurisprudence and a Board of Trustees of the Home. The Grand Master recommends the creation of two new Boards, namely, a Board of Finance and a Board of Education. His point is that each board would be comparatively small and could meet frequently. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address did not consider this recommendation a proper subject for their report.

In Nova Scotia per capita taxes for Grand Lodge and Home must be paid in respect of all suspended Masons for the period of suspension. The Grand Master recommends the repeal of this rule, but again the committee does not deal with the point but the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is against any change.

Ritual uniformity comes in for comment with the suggestion that "the work" be printed under proper safeguards.

The Grand Master had just finished three years of service. He attended 151 meetings and delivered 142 addresses on 42 different subjects. Thus the committee on his address:

"Our concluding statement is that our Grand Master has, (as such), with marked ability and unswerving fidelity, employed his time and talents in the promotion of our best interests. He has provided us with good government, good example and good advice, and is, in the highest sense deserving of the appreciation, esteem and affection of a grateful Brotherhood."

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 9,097, a decrease of 184.

The sum of \$510.00 was expended on relief, 22 cases being assisted.

In matters of finance it was agreed that no Grand Lodge funds in excess of \$5,000.00 be invested in other than Government or Municipal Bonds. Even this may need reconsideration and revision.

The Committee on the District Deputy Grand Master's reports boils down these very readable and interesting documents to the following:

"It is very gratifying and encouraging to note that notwithstanding the difficult and troublesome times through which we have, and are now passing, the Craft continues to make progress, and harmony and goodwill still exists, and that the high standard of Masonry common to this jurisdiction is being maintained."

Which is all to the good.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported a second mis-trial of an accused, and recommended that an independent commission be appointed to conduct the new trial. A reading of the report would appear to indicate a deliberate attempt on the part of the lodge to avoid its proper responsibilities. If the trial results in a verdict of guilty we hope the lodge in question will be penalized by being called upon to pay the costs.

In future a special jewel will be presented to members in good standing, fifty years and upwards.

Nova Scotia adopted a report dealing with the election of Grand Lodge Officers with the object of saving time. The regulations are in line with the new provisions in Alberta's new proposed Constitution. These regulations will come before Grand Lodge in 1936 and without doubt they should be adopted.

Fraternal Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Jones, 67. Reviews are presented and Alberta receives lengthy fraternal notice.

G.M.B.

OHIO

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication held at Akron, October 16th, 1935.

M. W. Bro. Carl W. Ellenwood, Grand Master.

Lodges, 623. Membership, 177,092. Loss, 5,146.

Alberta was represented by her Grand Representative, Bro. John P. McCune.

The death of a Past Grand Master, and the active Senior Grand Warden are recorded with fitting tribute.

Regarding the visits of the District Lecturers, the Grand Master comments:

"There was generally a marked improvement noted by the Lecturers over the preceding year. In many instances attendance was better. Almost universally more candidates were being initiated and the spirit and morale of the Lodges the State over were noticeably improving."

All of which must be highly encouraging.

Fraternal recognition is granted the Grand Lodges of San Paulo, Parahyba, Rio de Janeiro, Amazonas e Acre and Para, all in Brazil, Argentina and Nicaragua and Grand Representatives exchanged.

Dispensations for two new lodges were issued during the year.

The Grand Master reports having visited forty rural lodges which had never had a visit from a Grand Master, although some of them had been in existence for seventy-five years or more. Red letter days for these smaller lodges and a feather in the cap of this Grand Master.

Under Special Dispensation a communication of two lodges was held on top of Buels' Hill at 5 a.m., on the morning of July 4th, when a candidate was raised Master Mason. Representatives from fifty-five Ohio lodges and five Foreign Jurisdictions were present and says the Grand Master, "we seemed to catch a new significance from the Tenets of our Profession."

There seems to be very close co-operation with the Order of the Eastern Star in this Jurisdiction. The Grand Master comments: "I believe it is fair to say that in many localities the Eastern Star has been unusually helpful to our lodges, particularly through the depression. In some instances the enthusiasm of the Star membership has served to keep alive the interest of the lodge."

Speaking of Ohio's splendid Masonic Home, the Grand Master drops what seems a strong hint which might not be ineffective in other places than Ohio:

"We ought not as members of our several lodges gain the idea that the advent of social security legislation has lifted the obligation which rests upon our lodges to care for those who have been admitted to the Home, nor those who are on the waiting list."

The Grand Master closes his address on a note which is much to our liking and we do not hesitate to quote liberally from it:

"In a period of rather rapidly shifting viewpoints in many fields of thought, Masonry with a set of static truths and ideals may seem to the superficial thinker to be antiquated. These unchanging characters of the Institution are its greatest assets.

"It may be well, however, for us not to depend entirely upon the mere antiquity of our Order to perpetuate it for posterity. In our reverence for these ancient truths we should not forget that we live in a modern age with an ever-increasing complexity of human interests and relationships. It is necessary now that in the first intimate contacts the lodge makes with its new members, it do more than render the Ritual perfectly. This new candidate must somehow obtain a more comprehensive knowledge of the scope of Masonry.

"The times call for thoughtful leaders well grounded in the philosophy of Masonry and its value of past generations—leaders who can look beyond the mere mechanical attainment of ritualistic perfection and see that after all the mission of Masonry is to bring men together in a common bond of human brotherhood with a simple faith which has for its base the Universal Fatherhood of God.

"The world in all its activities in high and low places cries out for leadership."

There are numerous items of interest in the Proceedings which lack of space precludes our quoting, but will amply repay reading in the volume itself.

In the Report on Foreign Correspondence, Alberta is more than generously dealt with and for this we extend our thanks to our brother reviewer. Bro. Philip Duncan's address on "Building Manhood" is reprinted in full.

One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Annual Communication to be held at Dayton, Ohio, October 21 and 22, 1936.

Grand Master—Elmer R. Arn, Dayton.

Grand Secretary—Harry I. Johnson, Cincinnati.

A. M. M.

OKLAHOMA

The Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was held in Ardmore on February 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. John J. Allen, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. W. Bro. L. E. Smith, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and M. W. Bro. W. A. Thomas, P.G.M., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, who were cordially received by the Grand Master.

It is noted that the Grand Representative for Alberta was not present when the roll of Grand Representatives was called. This is to be regretted.

The Grand Master in his address renders an account of his stewardship and starts out by drawing the attention of the Craft to their responsibilities as members of the Masonic Fraternity with special reference to the fiscal affairs of Grand Lodge and its work. On the subject of Life Memberships the Grand Master has this to say:

"I cannot too strongly urge our Lodges to avoid the practice of selling Life Memberships. In every case where this is done the money is immediately spent, and in very many cases this has meant that in later years the income of the Lodge is not sufficient to cover its per capita dues to the Grand Lodge, and no provision is made for local expenses."

In his recommendations the Grand Master suggested re-affiliation with the Masonic Service Association and Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada. He also recommended that it be made mandatory upon Secretaries before the annual election of officers to announce the attendance record of all elective and appointive officers during the current year.

The report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Homes discloses that there are 147 people on the allowance list. These are dependents, who with help, can live outside the Homes with assistance from the Board.

Applications for recognition were received from the following Grand Lodges:

- Grand Orient of Italy, London, England.
- Grand Lodge of Germany located at Palestine, Asia.
- Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Grand Lodge Lessing Zu Den Drie Ringen, Prague.
- Grand Lodge Nationale Independent Reguliere pour la France.
- Grand Orient du Liban, Prague.

These were placed on a temporary waiting list for two years probation and if satisfactory further consideration will be given.

One lodge under dispensation was granted its charter.

A resolution to endorse the Youth Movement as exemplified by the Order of De Molay was disapproved of by the Committee on Law and Usage, but was not brought before Grand Lodge for action.

The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. John R. Abernathy, is entitled "The Creed of a Mason" and is, as usual, worthy of being read by all Masons. We like his style as well as the contents and we always enjoy reading what he has to say.

The Report of the Foreign Correspondence is once again from the pen of M. W. Bro. Thomas Chauncey Humphrey, who has been a Mason for sixty-four years and is now 88 years old. Our heartiest congratulations to him and may he see many more years of useful service to the Craft and Grand Lodge in particular. Alberta for 1934 is reviewed.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Drouot, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon, Grand Master.

W.I.

OREGON

Eighty-fifth Annual Communication at Portland, June 12, 13, 14, 1935.

M. W. Bro. Ezra M. Wilson, Grand Master, whose address occupies the first pages of the Report, touched on many aspects of Masonry, and made many useful suggestions to Grand Lodge. His address is the result of considerable thought and study, and should, if acted

upon, advance the quality of Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction. We quote as follows:

"The reputation and harmony of the fraternity depend upon receiving only the highest type of men within our ranks. There is but one way of keeping the fraternity clear of undesirables and disturbers and that is by a thorough inspection of all candidates. It is not expected of an investigating committee that their report should be accepted. Every member should be an inspector seeking and divulging such information as he may gather for the benefit of the lodge. If there is doubt of a candidate's character give the lodge and not the candidate the benefit thereof. A lodge cannot be considered a reformatory, but it can develop a stronger character in all men who have a character foundation upon which to build.

"Levity is out of place in all Masonic work. Dignity and the utmost decorum should be preserved that the candidate may be seriously impressed. In degree work nothing should transpire that would lose to a candidate the effect of a serious lesson.

"Visitors and strangers should never be neglected. Occasionally a stranger may think he should have been accorded a warmer reception, and officers and members may sometimes be forgetful or neglect their duty. The introduction and accommodation of strangers is important and it is well to bring these courtesies to the attention of Masters, officers and to all members."

The Grand Master thought that some small lodges, close to one another and with travelling easy, would be better off consolidated. He feared that if this is not done one or two charters may have to be taken up. On the other hand he was of the opinion that especially in cities some lodges were too large. The personal touch with members was to a great extent being lost. If the number of lodges were increased greater interest would be created by spreading the work, by members coming into closer relationship with each other, and by creating friendly contention between lodges in lodge activities. In some jurisdictions limits have been set to the size of lodges. This was, however, a matter for each lodge to determine without interference by Grand Lodge.

The depression had cleared the lodges of dead timber, and probably without injury to any worthy brother deserving of dues remittance. It was too soon, however, to tell what effect the numerous suspensions would have on the income on which charity activities depended. Bonding of lodge officers handling funds was stressed, and it was pointed out that nearly \$10,000.00 had been lost to Oregon lodges through unfaithful treasurers. Bonding, however, is not compulsory.

The value of bonds and securities now totals over \$405,000.00. These are in the capable hands of Bros. Leslie M. Scott and D. R. Cheney, whose management seems to have been very successful.

Notice was taken of the fact that a brother was suspected by a Master of casting an unfavorable ballot and reflected such suspicion. The brother became so incensed that he considered withdrawal. It was pointed out that a ballot is in every way secret, and it is not for a Master or a member to know how a ballot is cast or to criticise a brother for using his voting privilege as he believes for the best int

ests of the lodge. Such action might subject a Master to charges for un-Masonic conduct.

A circular letter had been sent out by the Grand Master in August, 1934, warning the Fraternity against Communism. A wonderful response to this letter was reported. The oppression of Masonry in dictatorial countries was noted.

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. Edgar H. Sensenich, was present.

The Grand Secretary reported a net loss of 1,246 in membership, which stood at 25,866.

Twenty-six Fifty Year Buttons had been presented during the year. A member of one lodge was tried and convicted on a charge of belonging to the United Farmers' League, an allegedly Communist organization, and expelled from Masonry. Another member was indefinitely suspended for writing out and causing to be unlawfully disseminated certain of the secrets of Masonry.

Past Grand Master O. C. Hagmeier, Foreign Correspondent, presented his second review wherein sixty Grand Jurisdictions are given liberal notice. This is one of the fullest reviews that we have seen. Very much useful information has been gathered for its readers. Alberta has been duly noted.

H. Wayne Stannard, McMinnville, Grand Master.

D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania was held in the City of Philadelphia on December 27th, 1935, with quarterly communications convened on March 6th, June 5th, September 4th, and December 14th.

At the Quarterly Communications the business was largely of a routine nature. The report of the Grand Secretary showed a loss in membership of 6,886 to December 31st, 1934. At the June Communication the Finance Committee recommended the erection of a building on the grounds of their Home at Elizabethtown to the memory of Bro. Edward E. Smith, who provided the funds.

The address of Grand Master Otto R. Heiligman is a review of his labors during the past year and makes very interesting reading. Pennsylvania maintains a Lecture Corps, whose duty it is to provide speakers when called upon by the lodges. We find the Grand Master cautioning the brethren:

"That the subject must be one that has to do with Freemasonry or any phase of it, and lectures that have nothing to do with Freemasonry are unmasonic in character and should not be permitted."

The Grand Master also states that there is a sincere desire to become better acquainted with the deeper matter of the Craft and this desire should not go unheeded.

The Grand Master removed from office the Secretary and Treasurer of a lodge for using their Fraternal Affiliations to promote their candidature for political office.

An earnest plea is made for an Endowment Fund for the Masonic Homes and the Freemasons Memorial Hospital. We are told that donors are more inclined to give money for a specific object of a tangible nature, but the maintenance and upkeep is not provided for.

Under the heading of "Unlawful Action of Lodges" we read the Grand Master declared:

"The action of a Lodge in suspending a brother for non-payment of dues, while mentally incapacitated, thereby being unable to comprehend a lodge notice or summons, null and void and directed that he be restored to his former standing and membership."

Following his installation the new Grand Master, Brother Harold N. Rust, addressed Grand Lodge, from which we quote the following:

"We feel that new Lodges in many instances are highly desirable. A large membership automatically throttles individual initiative. It is our opinion that Freemasonry would profit greatly if a maximum membership were fixed, even as low as one hundred for each Lodge. I point out to you the excellence of the brand of Freemasonry to be found in our Mother Lodge in England, where small membership has always been the custom."

The maintenance and operation of the several Homes operated by this Grand Lodge is a job of some magnitude and the reports submitted indicate the excellence of the work being done. Especially is this the case in the boys school where trades are taught and by the time they are ready to take their place in the world the lodge responsible for them sees to it that they are properly outfitted with the necessary kit of tools. This co-operation between the lodges and the boys is to be commended.

A letter from the Grand Chancellor of the National Grand Lodge of Sweden inviting the Grand Master to attend their Grand Lodge is rather interesting reading giving as it does some indication of the high standard of Freemasonry operated in that country.

Pennsylvania does not publish a review of Foreign Correspondence.

Harold N. Rust, R. W. Grand Master.

John A. Perry, R. W. Grand Secretary.

W.I.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Twenty-third Annual Communication held in the City of Manila, January 22nd, 1935.

M. W. Bro. Manuel Camus, Grand Master:

Lodges, 101: Membership, 5,458: Net loss for the year, 180.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Conrado, Benitez, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master's Address is an earnest document reviewing some of the tribulations of this far distant jurisdiction. We must and do admire the note of courage in the face of temporary adversities and sincerely hope that soon the efforts of those so obviously trying to make straight the way are crowned with success.

A complete resume of the difficulties encountered by reason of chartering lodges in China appears in the address. The former Chairman of our Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence saw no reason to disturb our relations and the present reviewer concurs in his views. He hopes with Grand Master Camus "that better relations are now in view with the Grand Lodges which have severed fraternal relations with us."

A noteworthy feat of organization and devotion is recorded when the work of the Grand Lodge offices is revised and put upon a modern business footing after seventeen years of records which were apparently not all they should be.

One new lodge is chartered.

Recognition is extended to the following Grand Bodies: Romana Unita, a fusion of the Roumanian National Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of Roumania; La Oriental Peninsular of Yucatan, Mexico; Ancazonos e Acre and Ceara of Brazil, but withheld from the Grand Orient of Lebanon in Syria.

A resolution to permit of dual membership in the jurisdiction was rejected.

A resolution proposing to cut the lecture in the third degree in two is referred to the Custodians of the Work, but their findings are not available in the present Proceedings.

The Philippines do not print the reviews of Foreign Jurisdictions in their annual Proceedings, preferring to publish them in their monthly magazine-bulletin "The Cabletow." We have read therein the review of Alberta's Proceedings and appreciate the generous and kindly comment.

Next Annual Communication, Manila, P.I., January 28th, 1936.

Grand Master—Samuel R. Hawthorne, Manila.

Grand Secretary—Teodoro M. Kalaw, Manila.

A.M.M.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Charlottetown on 26th June 1935, with M. W. Bro. Pidgeon, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta was not represented.

A special communication was held on 27th February, 1935, for the purpose of attending the funeral of R. W. Bro. V. L. Goodwill, Deputy Grand Master.

At the opening of Grand Lodge M. W. Bro. A. M. Wilson, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire was introduced and accorded the usual honors.

The Grand Master reports having visited every lodge in the jurisdiction. The problem of lodge finance is a pressing one and the Grand Master feels that too many lodges are trying to operate on too small an annual fee. While that may be true this is hardly the time to try to remedy this condition. The Grand Master properly points out that lodges in the past depended too much on initiation fees as a source of revenue. Initiation fees should be regarded as a capital fund and used and operated accordingly. The Grand Master's remarks in this regard may well be considered in other jurisdictions.

The Senior Grand Warden reports having accompanied the Grand Master on all his official visits.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership loss of two, against a loss of thirty-two for the preceding year.

Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund is in a healthy condition. The sum of \$475.00 was expended on relief.

Communications from Grand Lodge of Denmark, Symbolic Grand Lodge in Germany in exile, Grand Loja do Paraiba (Brazil), L'Association Macomique Internationale, Grand Lodge of Jugoslavia were received, but the committee on Foreign Relations recommended that no action be taken.

A similar communication from Grand Lodge "Lessing zu den Drei Ringen" Prague, was received and the committee reported that recognition by Grand Lodge was warranted.

Five members were presented with "50 years" jewels to commemorate the occasion. Among them were Bro. G. W. Wakeford and James F. Birch who were present when the first Grand Lodge was formed in Charlottetown in 1875.

We are particularly glad to note a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Brief and concise, but extremely readable it presents some of the "highlights" from other jurisdictions, including Alberta. There is a promise of an extension of this feature in the future. We look forward to it with pleasurable anticipation. Our sincere congratulations to the committee on the initiation of this activity.

G.M.B.

QUEBEC

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held at Montreal on 13th February, 1935, M. W. Bro. M. A. Campbell presiding. R. W. Bro. S. H. Sornberger represented Alberta.

The Grand Master, in addition to many official visits in his own Province, journeyed to the Grand Lodge of Vermont, Canada (in

Ontario) and Massachusetts. We are particularly pleased with one of the Grand Master's observations which merits reproduction.

"I have heard the expression, 'Oh, I am just a Blue Lodge Mason, I have not yet had any of the higher degrees.' Let me say to you—there are no higher degrees. This Grand Lodge is sovereign, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and the Grand Master is supreme in all Masonic matters in this jurisdiction. It is the supreme and sovereign Masonic authority; executive, legislative and judicial and is subject only to the ancient landmarks and to such limitation as it may impose upon itself or are imposed by the law of the land."

Timely and very appropriate.

He concludes his address with a concrete discussion on Masonry. Thus:

"Any serious study of the history of Masonry and of its place in the social life of our own time, must raise the question as to the secret of its continued vitality. It has survived many changes: it still attracts and holds the allegiance of the brightest and keenest minds of our generation. There must be a reason for this. There must be something in the teaching and principles of Masonry that appeals to what is deep seated and constant in the human heart. Otherwise it would have disappeared from the world long ago. To know what that something is, or in other words, to know the secret of Masonic vitality is to be in possession of what is practically the most important of all Masonic secrets, because if we know the truth on this point, we shall know where to place the emphasis in all our activity and our plans for the future."

And in conclusion:

"Masonry it is true, is a beautiful system of morality, but it is a system which rests solidly on a religious base and if we are wise, we shall see that these ancient landmarks are not disturbed."

The whole address is worthy of perusal and study.

The Grand Secretary reports a net decrease in membership of 398. The Grand Secretary prepared his report "with mingled feelings of disappointment and hope." We fancy he was not alone and that other Grand Secretaries experienced similar emotions. However, he reports that all lodges in Quebec have discharged every obligation to Grand Lodge. Many other Grand Secretaries would like to share this "emotion" with him.

The sum of \$7,431.75 was expended on relief.

The District Deputy Grand Masters presented full reports of their activities during the year. The District Deputy Grand Master for Montreal District No. 2 concluded with several recommendations. One of these is:

"The test, given to a candidate in the First Degree should be abolished. No brother should be humiliated in order to impress any part of the beautiful ceremony through which he has just passed. It seems strangely in contrast with the social and moral virtues."

We thought this silly practice had been absolutely abandoned years ago and we hope that the recommendation will be duly heeded.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution was lost providing for nominations for elective officers being made before the close of

the afternoon session, and providing that in case a member receives more than one nomination he shall be ballotted on for the senior office only. With much respect we think such an amendment is meritorious and if adopted would save much valuable time.

Fraternal recognition is given to "Lessing zu den Drei Ringen" and the Grand Lodge of Panama. Similar applications from Grand Bodies in Brazil were refused, as was an application from the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in exile.

A Supplementary report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry makes some sensible suggestions for the guidance of lodges.

- (1) A proper budget, rigidly adhered to.
- (2) A uniform balance sheet.
- (3) Curtailment of Life Memberships.
- (4) Building up a reserve.

These recommendations could be adopted universally with beneficial results. It is strange, however, that it has taken depression to produce ordinary business principles into lodge affairs.

The Chairman of Foreign Correspondence presents an interesting report.

Alberta's Proceedings for 1934 receive due and fraternal notice.

G.M.B.

QUEENSLAND

Proceedings ending June, 1935

M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, in his inauguration address, said in part:

"It has been said, Brethren, and very truly said, that two of the main things which make our Empire great are the home, and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience. Brethren, there is a third great force within the Empire, and that is Freemasonry, which has ever been the strength, the support, the protector, and the defender of the individual. Beyond the individual, Freemasonry has gone into the various departments of our national life, and has contributed its silent, but yet forceful, influence, towards upbuilding on a solid basis, the moral, intellectual and spiritual forces of the people.

"Much of the strength of Freemasonry comes from the example which Masons set, or should set, in public and private life. We all know also, how much strength comes to us from practising those distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason's heart—benevolence and charity. Charity does not consist solely of the mere giving of alms.

"Brethren, I have seen a good deal of Masonry in different parts of the world, and the solidarity of Masonic Brotherhood is something to be very proud of. Masonry knows no colour, no creed, no language, no caste.

"I have seen on the Pedestal, at more than one meeting in Masonic Lodges in India, the Volume of the Sacred Law of four, or even five, religious beliefs. Truly, as Rudyard Kipling has said in his poem, 'The Mother Lodge':

" 'We'd say 'twas highly curious,
And we'd all ride home to bed,
With Mahomed, God and Shiva,
Changing pickets in our head.' "

"But herein lies the great strength of Masonry—bringing us all into one great brotherhood, in which we are all joined together by the beliefs which we learn in our Masonic teachings, and which, in our ordinary lives, tend, I trust, to make us better citizens and better men."

Very eloquent and interesting were the addresses of some of the brethren from other jurisdictions who spoke on the occasion of the installation of the Grand Master. Some of these visitors travelled four thousand miles to be present on this occasion.

The Board of General Purposes ruled that a Notice of Motion proposed in a subordinate lodge was irregular and unconstitutional, but that the Master was wrong in not allowing it to appear in the Lodge Notice. Grand Lodge supported this ruling.

The various financial statements show Grand Lodge to be in a good position.

The Proceedings contain an account of the annual gathering around the Memorial Urn on Anzac Day.

Grand Master M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Leslie Orme Wilson.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. L. P. Marks.

E.T.B.

RHODE ISLAND

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication—M. W. Bro. Charles W. Littlefield, Grand Master. The full name of this jurisdiction is the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Among the many distinguished visitors were the Grand Masters from Maine, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware. The Grand Master reports attending numerous neighboring Grand Lodges, making liberal use of travel by air in some of these journeys.

The Grand Master's address, dealing with the idea of a proposed Home, points out that certain legacies will soon lapse unless the Home is built. It is not intended to permit these to lapse, but on the other hand to endeavor to acquire other sums similarly and by subscription so that the institution may be proceeded with shortly. A survey of conditions in other jurisdictions revealed magnificent work being accomplished. However, taxation ranging from one to several dollars

per capita for maintenance was proving somewhat burdensome in places. So full were many Homes that outside support of the needy had to be undertaken. There was a realization that much of the heavy taxation was due to drop in membership and could have been avoided had the matter of endowment been given more attention.

He reports that their Educational Fund has come to a full stop as a result of the conditions existing. Scholarships have been awarded to young men and women for the preliminary years of college training and they believe much good has been done. However, the success of these funds depends on the fund "going round and round," that is repayment of the loan after work is obtained. It is an indictment of human nature that of eighty-three letters sent to former beneficiaries, part payment was received from only one! This reviewer has spent nearly twenty years on various relief committees and well knows the pitiful performance of gratitude for help when prosperity replaces adversity.

Rhode Island issues a quarterly Bulletin, containing a message from the Grand Master and important information concerning Grand Lodge. Its continuance is recommended.

A splendid address concludes with: "The losses that our Fraternity has sustained during the past five years has been a very serious matter and attributable largely to a lack of the peculiar type of leadership needed in our lodges during this period. The interest in Masonry of the members of many lodges has fallen to a very low ebb. No institution can long survive unless it has something of absolute worth to the world. We believe that our Masonry has that which is most worth while. It teaches us to look upon life in its relationship to the Divine and to shape our lives by the plan which shall make them what the Divine Architect intended them to be. In English speaking countries Masonry is still a vital force, but in almost every other group of nations it has been the subject of such bitter attacks that it has been well nigh driven out of existence. Perhaps the reason for this lies in the fact that the various Masonic fraternities of those other peoples have not attained the high state of idealism that Masonry has attained in English speaking nations."

Addressing the Grand Masters' Conference, M. W. Bro. Littlefield among other things said: "The wise Master of a lodge will endeavor to use as many of the members of the lodge as possible in promoting its activities. Just paying dues and sitting on the side lines may become monotonous after a while, unless in some way the individual Mason is attracted by the presence of his friends or else has something to do himself that will enable him to feel that he is something more than a mere cog in the wheel."

Recently Dean Roscoe Pound, when asked if Masonry should not be brought up to date, replied: "I have but little patience with those who are asking today what can be done to bring Masonry up to date. If we brought it up to date today, it would be out of date tomorrow. In my opinion Masonry has more to offer the Twentieth Century than the Twentieth Century has to offer Masonry."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence draws attention to the fact that following the extending of recognition to some foreign jurisdictions the representative's commission has been exceedingly tardy in arriving. The exchange of fraternal relations of course is not complete until that comes to hand. They recommend that in future

the name of the jurisdiction be not enrolled until the commission is received. There is not included a Report of Foreign Proceedings.

Members, 17,462. Decrease, 507.

Grand Master, James A. Tillinghast.

Grand Secretary, Harold McAuslan.

V.H.M.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held its Twenty-ninth Annual Communication at Regina on Wednesday, 19th June, 1935. The Grand Master who presided was supported by a strong body of Past Grand Masters. We regret that Alberta was not represented.

In his address the Grand Master refers to the conference of Grand Officers held in Calgary in May, 1935.

He complied with the request from Iowa for a gift of a flag for its Flag Ceremony.

The Grand Master strikes a high note when he says:

"There is no weakness or deterioration in a nation whose people discard cupidity in all its forms and insist on dealing fairly and uprightly with other nations, determined to forget the past which is rooted in resentment and suspicion, determined to make an honest effort in the present, to trust and be worthy of trust, to deal fairly and be worthy of fair dealing, to understand and be understood. Thus suspicion and fear will give place to confidence and goodwill, and mankind will return again to its heritage of happiness and well-being. But we must cease to favor vice, clothed in the purple of class or national advantage and we must be constant in our support of virtue in the humble garb of human necessity."

And again:

"Let us with equal vision and courage endeavor to unite outside our tiled doors the Masons of all nations combining our strength and wisdom in the service of mankind, building that foundation of goodwill and confidence so necessary at this time."

Full reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that in spite of a continuance of adverse economic conditions all is well with the Order in Saskatchewan.

Payments for relief amounted to the sum of \$15,369.00. We notice that the Capital Benevolent Fund is invested in securities other than Alberta Bonds, so that in Saskatchewan there is no immediate danger of a serious diminution in the funds available for the relief of distressed members.

The Grand Secretary's comprehensive report deals with the Calgary conference in considerable detail. It is obvious that M. W. Bro. Bowes' idea in holding this conference was a happy one—productive of good results. It is to be hoped that similar meetings will be arranged in the future.

A sentence of indefinite suspension was confirmed and an application for restoration refused.

The Committee on Foreign Relations deals with applications from Grand Bodies in Brazil, but defers action until more definite information is received.

A special committee appointed to consider the sale of lodge supplies reported in favor of the status quo and that supplies should be handled by the Grand Secretary on his own account. Apparently some lodges imagined that Bro. Tate was making large profits on this venture. The report of the committee is, therefore, a very happy one.

There is an interesting report from the Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity. Many families in drought stricken areas were in need of clothing. The Masonic Board of Relief in Toronto collected a large quantity of fine used clothing and some new clothing and shipped it to Grand Lodge. A severe need was thereby met, quietly and without publicity. Many who ordinarily would hesitate to accept relief through the usual channels were willing to receive assistance through Masonic channels. In all, twenty-six shipments were made to twelve lodges. Real practical Masonry.

A report of the committee on Ritualistic work states that the committee discussed the adoption of procedure eliminating,

"The tiresome standing to order in the opening and closing Ceremonies," but only reported progress.

We sincerely hope that in due course the committee will report accordingly and that the report will be accepted. Such a change is long overdue in Alberta.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education continues its activities. One of the committee's remarks merits reproduction.

"Recent events have demonstrated that the enemies of Masonry are making titanic efforts to wreck the institution. England, though threatened, still stands firm. Her people are temperamentally fitted to appreciate the Masonic philosophy, as such, free from political entanglements and religious interferences. Canada is not free from the same menace. We, of Nordic antecedents and traditions must be vigilant to guard and maintain the art, for ourselves and posterity, as a beautiful system of morality which 'opens the sources of knowledge and widens the sphere of human happiness.' It behooves us to cherish and defend the splendid heritage which is ours."

The nature of the work done by this committee is summed up in one paragraph of the report. Thus:

"With each monthly outline of study, we have submitted carefully selected and topical questions to invite discussion; have suggested appropriate subjects for debate to encourage inter-lodge visitations; and have furnished precise references to texts and authorities to assist and stimulate individual research."

Springside Lodge surrendered its Charter.

The Proceedings contain the course of study outlined for the years 1934-5, the F. C. Degree being the subject of the course. The accompanying articles can be confidently recommended to every Masonic student.

M. W. Bro. Martin is the Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee. Alberta receives kindly mention in the Review.

G.M.B.

SCOTLAND

This Grand Lodge meets quarterly and sends out separate reports of each communication. The first for the year contains lists of officers and roll of members, etc., etc. An examination of the list of Lodges Abroad is interesting. We speak of Masonry as universal without realizing that the expression might have originated in Scotland, at least it is borne out by this list. It commences with Arabia Felix and goes right down through the alphabet almost to the end, touching nearly every country in the world, east and west, north and south. In India alone they have seventy-six lodges. In the Transvaal they have forty-four, and in many other places over a dozen.

The February quarterly meeting held on February 7, 1935, Rt. Hon. The Lord Saltoun, M.C., J.P., on the Throne. Alberta's representative was present.

Charters were granted new lodges: Mother India, at Bombay; Sharon, at Tel Aviv; and Caledonia, at Kampala, Uganda.

The Grand Master Mason reported that he had been invited to the Bi-centenary Celebration of Lodge Den Nordiska Forsta, the oldest lodge in Sweden and really responsible for the foundation of Freemasonry in that country, "and was happy to say that the relations between the Grand Lodge of Sweden and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland remained warm and cordial. Though it might not be true in this country there was a certain antagonism growing up to all the right thinking Masonic institutions in the world and they must all act together if they wanted to preserve those things which they held most dear and most important."

Recognition of the Grand Orient of Lebanon and Syria was refused. The Acting Master of a lodge in Syria was censured for disrespect.

At the May communication Grand Lodge renewed expression of their allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth from the 300,000 Freemasons enrolled in its lodges in Scotland and throughout the world and the pleasure with which they viewed the approaching celebration of his Silver Jubilee.

The Grand Master Mason referred to his trip to Gibraltar, pointing out that it was the meeting place which everyone who went about the world sooner or later passed through, and nothing impressed him more than the harmony and co-operation of the English, Irish and Scotch Constitutions there, mentioning that the R. W. Master of their lodge at Tangier was also the English District Grand Master of the Western Mediterranean.

This Grand Lodge has the revision of its Constitution in hand. It is noted that from time to time they postpone the consideration of it, probably finding the same difficulty experienced by ourselves in Alberta.

In August the Grand Master Mason reported the sudden death of Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of England, stating he had sent

a message of regret and condolence to Lady Ampthill and now placed a resolution before Grand Lodge recording its sorrow at the death of the distinguished brother and their sympathy with the Grand Lodge of England and the M. W. Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn.

At the Annual Communication, held on November 29, 1935, the Officers for 1936 were installed. It is at this meeting they celebrate the Festival of St. Andrew, Grand Lodge being closed the brethren proceed to dinner in the Grand Hall and after dinner Grand Lodge is reopened and the order of the evening then is a series of speeches, several of them very good, songs and music being interspersed.

The reports of District Grand Masters are generally encouraging, but in one case a lodge is reported as now dormant. It appears that this lodge was erected in 1919 in a remote country district and a large proportion of the members were Life Members, most of whom had discontinued their interest in the lodge. Of the remainder, only a few were in good standing. In several districts a healthy condition prevailed, lodge funds showed satisfactory balances and benevolent funds are generously administered. Great attention is paid to the working of degrees by the district officers and many report that the standard of working is very high and strictly in conformity with Grand Lodge regulations. There are also good reports from Grand Officers in far away places like the Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand and other distant points.

J.H.W.S.K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for the year ending April, 1935

Several important changes were made in the Constitution, among others providing that neither the Masters nor Wardens of a subordinate lodge should vacate their chairs in favor of visitors.

Grand Lodge emphasized the responsibility of the Master of a lodge to ascertain beforehand the subject matter of lectures to be given in the lodge so that nothing would be said which would not be acceptable to every Freemason of any creed or faith.

It is pleasant to note the enthusiasm with which the various funds are supported in this Jurisdiction.

A resolution of thanks and appreciation was passed to the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Brig.-Gen. Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

The Report of Proceedings contains the usual report of Foreign Correspondence in which the Alberta Proceedings are reviewed at length.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Honour Mr. Justice Napier, LL.B.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Adelaide.

E.T.B.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sixty-first Annual Communication, at Sioux Falls, June 11 and 12, 1935.

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, and was opened by the M. W. Grand Master, John H. Foasberg.

Immediately after the opening the American Flag was presented at the altar, while the members sang "America." The Flag was then stationed in the East where it remained during the session.

Addresses of welcome were given by the Masters of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Unity Lodge No. 130, and Trinity Lodge No. 200, to which response was made by Bro. Marion E. Crockett, Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master said in part:

"In my travels around the state I have endeavored to encourage greater faith in the Institution of Masonry, pointing towards that great Light that has ever been the guide, comfort and consolation of the generations that have gone this way before us.

"I have pointed to those sturdy, pioneer brethren who endured the hardships and the privations of frontier life, yet always met their troubles as became men and Masons. It is in their example that we take heart when we look around us and see the unrest, confusion and discouragements that surround us on every hand. From their great devotion we gain inspiration and courage to press forward in the task to which we have set our hands. We are now harrassed by the perplexities incident to this great economic upheaval, when our material wealth has dwindled, when men around about us are slipping into the sea of despair, and we are surrounded on every hand by discouragement. I say, my brethren, now is the time to place our feet squarely on the solid rock of Masonic fundamentals, and to remember that God still rules over the destinies of men. With this belief, with faith in God, and with our faces toward the future, the Craft will emerge from the present testing time with new strength and vigor."

The Grand Master was pleased on his visits to see the number of young men who were manning the lodges today, and he admonished the older brethren of the Fraternity to encourage this Masonic spirit among the younger members of the Craft. He visited every district in the Jurisdiction, travelling over 18,000 miles by car, often in bad weather and worse roads.

Dakota's Oldest Masonic Bible made a pilgrimage to every Masonic Lodge in South Dakota, during which it collected the sum of \$1,584.93.

Cottonwood Lodge No. 178 surrendered its charter.

Like many other corporate bodies the Grand Lodge has been for some years spending more than it has been receiving, and a strong warning against this policy was issued by the Grand Master. He stated that it must stop this practice, or Masonry in South Dakota would be a passing institution. The attitude of Masonry towards members in default as to dues is clearly hardening. The general opinion now seems to be that members who were not interested, who were getting nothing out of Masonry, and who were of no benefit to the Craft, should be suspended:

The net loss in membership for the year was 1,286.

While Grand Lodge was at ease the Worthy Grand Matron and other officers of the Order of the Eastern Star were introduced, and greetings exchanged in a most friendly spirit.

Rabbi Howard L. Fineberg, of Mt. Zion Jewish Congregational Church, of Sioux Falls, gave a most instructive address on "Ancient and Modern Palestine; The Present and Future of Zionism."

There is no Review of Foreign Correspondence.

Marion E. Crockett, Sisseton, Grand Master.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

TASMANIA

Proceedings of 1935

M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E., was installed as Grand Master.

In anticipation of the Centenary Celebrations the Board of General Purposes prepared a history of Freemasonry in Tasmania, tracing the development of the Craft in that Jurisdiction from the very earliest part of the nineteenth century through the lodges under the Irish, English and Scotch Constitutions up to and including the present celebrations. The book is to have 256 pages with 16 pages of plates. This is an example that other Grand Jurisdictions might with advantage follow.

The Board of Benevolence reports considerable activity during the preceding year, having granted assistance to 35 widows and 29 distressed Freemasons.

An interesting discussion arose over a motion that the Board of General Purposes propose a scheme whereby a special fund could be raised by a levy or otherwise to permit Freemasons in the State as a body to subscribe to such Public Charities as may be approved by Grand Lodge from time to time.

We quote with entire approval the R. W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon H. B. Atkinson, P.D.G.M., who said he would like to see the matter made absolutely mandatory. He felt that even if it had taken brethren one hundred years to realise that they ought to do something for people outside the Craft, it has been a hundred years well spent. He would prefer that it be mandatory to the Board so that they might devise a scheme immediately. He was positive that Freemasonry would never take the place it should in the problems of the world until it interested itself in the affairs of the people as a whole. If brethren did not believe in the principle of helping everybody they could, what were they doing as Freemasons? He urged members to make it mandatory to the Board of General Purposes to devise a suitable scheme along the lines of the resolution.

However, a sub-committee of the Board subsequently decided not to make any recommendation to Grand Lodge in regard to the matter.

The Proceedings contain a very fine photograph of the Installation Banquet held in February, 1935.

Contrasting with the practice in the Alberta Grand Jurisdiction we notice in the report of the Board of General Purposes the following item:

"Ritual for Craft Masonry: The Second Edition of the Ritual for Craft Masonry has now been printed, and supplies are available to Lodges, at a cost of two pounds, eight shillings per dozen. Brethren, and particularly Officers of Lodges, are urged to procure a copy and thus make themselves conversant with the working of the several degrees."

Considerable time was taken up in the discussion of Constitution amendments.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Ernest Clark, K.C.B., C.B.E.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. H. Strutt, P.G.W.

E.T.B.

TEXAS

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas celebrated its One Hundredth Annual Communication in the City of Waco on December 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. John H. Crooker, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Beautiful floral wreaths adorned the Grand East representing vacancies caused by deaths of Past Grand Masters during the past Masonic Year.

Your reviewer would, at the outset, convey the Fraternal Greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to Texas with best wishes for the next Hundred Years. The high standard of the quality of Masonry practised in Texas has placed her in the forefront of Grand Lodges on the American Continent, a position we trust she will ever seek to maintain.

The Grand Master received the greetings from the Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Texas and in turn he welcomed them to this Communication. The reply was given by R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., Grand Representative of New Jersey and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mansfield, P.G.M., Grand Representative of Montana.

The address of the Grand Master covers seventy-four pages of printed matter, every word of which is worth reading. His year of office has been a very strenuous one, stimulating and encouraging the lodges and spurring them on by means of a plan or program for each month of the year, and this program was fully set out early in the year and undoubtedly was a success. Possibly one of the innovations adopted by the Grand Master was the radio address. As far as practicable all lodges were summoned to convene in their lodge rooms on Friday, January 4th, with radio facilities for listening in. The Grand

Master over a state wide "hook up" addressed the brethren on the "Survey and Questionnaire" which not only served the primary purpose of acquainting the general membership with the vital facts concerning their affairs, business and financial conditions, but also furnished the Grand Master's office with a most comprehensive survey and analysis of the attitude of the Craft to some of the pressing problems.

We quote the following from the address:

"Such foresight as I could bring to bear on the general state of the Craft at the beginning of my year indicated clearly to me that most of our difficulties came about by too much emphasis on mere forms and ceremonies, and too little on the real substance of Masonry."

In the list of distinguished dead of Grand Jurisdictions appears the name of our beloved M. W. Bro. Selwood.

One dispensation was granted to form a new lodge.

Life Membership is a question demanding serious attention in Texas, as the Grand Master points out one lodge of which 30 per cent are non-paying members. The committee which dealt with the question has this to say on the subject:

"It is the mature view of your Committee that the issuance of Life Memberships is unsound in principle except, (1) In those rare cases where they are conferred for long and distinguished Masonic service, and (2) Where a reserve fund is placed in trust in such a manner and under such administrative safeguards, as to insure to the lodge an annual income equivalent to the dues it would receive from such member during the entire period of their lives. Upon any other basis such Life Memberships constitute a mortgage upon the future revenues of the lodge which will almost certainly result eventually in serious financial difficulty or bankruptcy."

The Grand Master makes a plea for Grand Lodge to adopt proper measures to place before the Craft a larger measure of Masonic light and truth, and suggests that the Magazine be sent free to every member of the lodge in good standing. He also stresses the need for instruction to the newly initiated Mason.

A very excellent report is submitted by the Grand Librarian which your reviewer enjoyed reading very much and would commend it to the Members of Committees on Research and Education, for it contains some very interesting data.

Texas was host to a great many distinguished visitors at this Communication, each were received by the Grand Master, accorded the honors and escorted to the Grand East. Each was given an opportunity during the proceedings of addressing the Grand Lodge.

A very pleasing incident was the presentation to R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., in commemoration of his 50th consecutive year as an attendant upon the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Relations is from the pen of R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M. In it he endeavors to answer a question propounded by a previous Grand Master as to why Texas only recognises the York Grand Lodge of Mexico to the exclusion of all others. The facts and data submitted make very interesting reading. Recognition was extended to the National Grand Lodge of Sweden, the National

Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, and the Grand Lodge Lessing Zu Den Drei Ringen. For lack of information action was deferred on the request for recognition from Roumania, Palestine, Grand Orient of Lebanon, Beruit, and several South American Grand Bodies. Recognition was refused to the Grand Lodge of Denmark as this body was formed without the consent and approval of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark.

Some very excellent addresses were delivered, all of which are recorded verbatim in the Proceedings, but for lack of space we cannot do more than merely call attention to them.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, who is responsible for the reviews, is exceedingly gracious to Alberta in the treatment of our 1934 proceedings, for which we thank him.

M. W. Bro. Marcus Weatherred, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

UTAH

Sixty-fourth Annual Communication, at Salt Lake City, Jan. 15th and 16th, 1935.

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, and the M. W. Grand Master, John William Stoner, called the brethren to order, and opened in Ample Form. Twenty-five of the twenty-six lodges in the jurisdiction were represented. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Alberta was represented by Bro. A. E. Eberhardt, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master reported that the past year had been one of quiet, useful service for the officers of Grand Lodge. Relations with all foreign jurisdictions continue to be most pleasant and amicable. He expressed his admiration for the manner in which subordinate lodges were surmounting the many financial problems of the last few years. He thought that all were in a stronger financial position than they had been a year ago.

Most of the lodges had had some degree work during the year, but a net loss in membership of 137 was recorded.

The amount of delinquent dues had reached alarming totals, and the time had come to find a remedy. The total amount now in the jurisdiction was over \$20,000.00. The Grand Master was of the opinion that perhaps the best remedy that had come to his attention was one introduced by an Omaha lodge in 1922. This lodge adopted By-laws making it mandatory upon the officers to collect dues, remit or suspend, at the close of each Masonic year. The result was that comparatively few members were ultimately lost, and, at the close of 1933, there were no delinquent dues outstanding. He was making, however, no recommendation, simply asking that the question be given study.

The Committee on Masonic Education and Instruction called attention to the fact that many lodges spent weary hours complying literally with the provision of the Grand Lodge Code, which specifically states that the proceedings are to be read in the lodges during the year. It was proposed that an abstract, or greatly abridged form of proceedings, might be printed and distributed. We know of no lodge in any jurisdiction that interprets Grand Lodge instructions in this respect literally.

Offenses against the National and State Prohibition Laws seem to be responsible for most of the matters coming before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

An occasional communication was held in September, 1934, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Craighead Administration Building of Wasatch Academy.

The address of the Grand Orator, Harold A. Linke, was a rather notable performance, and covers many features interesting to Masons. We noticed that the comparison between the functioning of the Criminal Law in both the United States and in Canada is very favorable to the latter. Canadians can hardly understand the delays possible under American Criminal procedure.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Sam H. Goodwin. It is prefaced by a foreword that is worth study. Its emphasis is on individual independence and individual responsibility, and it even has the courage to refer to 'rugged individualism.' He quotes the following from the Declaration of Freedom, a petition recently signed by 1,200 citizens of the little town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and presented to the delegation in Congress from that State: "We are resolved that the individual's rights to private enterprise, and its rewards, must continue free from unreasonable interference of the Federal Government, and we demand their preservation at your hands."

Alberta is given two pages of review, and the high lights of our Grand Lodge proceedings are brought out.

We thank Bro. Goodwin for his kind words to this reviewer.

Dee Damon Stockman, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Vermont was held at Burlington on June 12th and 13th, 1935, with M. W. Bro. Julius C. Thomas, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is a concise statement of his stewardship and while it does not contain anything of outstanding interest to the Masonic world yet it is of deep interest to the Masons

of Vermont. He finds an improved condition in the Craft with an increasing number of initiations which would point to a revival of work.

The Grand Master paid fraternal visits to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and also to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a loss in membership of 533 which would indicate that bottom has not yet been reached.

The District Deputy reports read somewhat similar to our own and would show that the lodges are making every effort to carry on in spite of many obstacles.

M. W. Bro. Harriman is responsible for the Correspondence section and rather than write a foreword he has chosen to list the salient facts as he has read them and points out to the brethren where these may be found. He has been very generous to Alberta, quoting freely from the Grand Master's address and several of our reports and we thank him for his review.

Julius C. Thomas, Grand Master.

A. S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

VICTORIA

At the Quarterly Communication in March, 1935, the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. Warren Kerr gave a very eloquent address, too long to quote, on the beauties and essence of Freemasonry. At this communication M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Huntingfield, K.C.M.G., the newly installed Grand Master, took his seat. There were present on that occasion many Grand Lodge Officers from the other Jurisdictions in Australia and from New Zealand, who conveyed greetings from their respective Grand Lodges. The Grand Master spoke particularly on behalf of the Boy Scouts, which organization the World Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, a brother Officer in the Grand Master's Old Regiment, had recently visited.

Grand Lodge authorized the erection of a Masonic hospital with provision for sixty beds and thirty-eight nurses at an estimated cost of about \$400,000.00.

There is attached to the Proceedings a very full and interesting report of the Fourth Australian Masonic Conference held in February, 1935.

The usual report of Foreign Correspondence is published, but we notice the report on Alberta does not appear.

Lodges, 497. Members, 49,684.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Huntingfield, K.C.M.G.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, K.C.M.G.

E.T.B.

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VIRGINIA

An Emergent Communication was held on 25th of June, 1934, for the purpose of reconsecrating each member of the Masonic Fraternity to the ideals and purposes of our Ancient and Honorable Institution. At the same hour each lodge in Virginia was assembled for the same purpose. The address of the Grand Master was broadcast over the radio. A splendid address. We quote a paragraph:

"For reconsecration means to make sacred again and anew; to rededicate ourselves once more—physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually—to the great fundamentals of our Order; to review the past with the purpose of deriving from the noble example of our predecessors in the Masonic art a renewed inspiration to 'go and do likewise'; and to re-obligate ourselves to each other, to our fellow men and to our God. Nor is this an individual matter alone; it must be also a social and a collective act. It is for the latter reason particularly that so many of us have assembled tonight. May the impetus derived from our common associations on this evening carry us far toward the realization of the goal of our endeavors."

The 157th Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond on 12th of February, 1935. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William M. Brown, presided. Nine Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. Frank F. Champion, answered the roll call. Among the distinguished visitors were M. Ex. Comp. Davis, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia and R. Em. Frater Payne, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Virginia. The following Grand Lodges were represented: Utah, West Virginia, Tennessee, District of Columbia, Montana, Delaware, Rhode Island, North Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters.

On the subject of Foreign Grand Lodges we excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"In my opinion, the encouragement of the Grand Lodge of Virginia should be extended to our brethren everywhere when they have shown to our satisfaction that they conform to our landmarks and our standard of recognition. Virginia cannot forget its pioneer role in many lines of Masonic endeavor in the past. It must, by the same token, extend the right hand of fellowship to our persecuted, banished, and harassed brethren of regular demeanor everywhere, for in every clime a Mason may be found and as unbounded should Mason's charity be."

In connection with the Masonic Home this Grand Lodge maintains a Tubercular Sanitarium which is rendering splendid service to those who have become victims of the "white plague."

The Grand Master recommended that a button be presented in the name of Grand Lodge to every member of a Virginian lodge who has been a Mason for fifty years, regardless of whether he was made a Mason in Virginia or not, also without regard to the continuity of his membership.

A number of dispensations were issued to lodges to hold public installations.

Two charters of lodges were arrested and in several instances consolidation of lodges was arranged.

Speaking of Lodge Dues the Grand Master urged that each of the lodges make a thorough study of its finances, designate a budget committee to submit a budget from year to year, increase its dues where necessary, and live strictly within its income from dues.

The following decisions are of interest:

(1) Any business transacted in a lodge when the Master and Wardens were absent was null and void.

(2) A brother belonging to lodges in two Grand Jurisdictions is suspended in one for N.P.D. automatically becomes suspended in both. To be restored in both lodges he must make separate applications. He does not become automatically restored in both by restoration in the lodge which originally suspended.

The address of M. W. Bro. Brown is one of the outstanding reports of the year. It covers fifty-two pages.

R. W. Bro. James M. Clift reviews Alberta and comments on the large districts each of our D.D.G.M. covers.

M. W. Bro. Thomas W. Hooper, D.D., Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. James M. Clift, Grand Secretary.

347 Lodges. 41,887 members. Decrease, 1,908.

M.M.D.

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WASHINGTON

Seventy-eighth Annual Communication held at Wenatchee, June 18th, 1935.

M. W. Bro. Loomis Baldrey, Grand Master, presiding.

Lodges, 266. Membership, 42,229. Loss, 3,070.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Frank N. McCandless, Grand Representative.

Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Mayor of Wenatchee and the Grand Junior Warden suitably replied.

A pleasing note in the Grand Master's address is the record of his raising his two sons to the degree of Master Mason, these young men being the fifth generation of a Masonic family. Congratulations!

Oh! This Liquor Business! In his comment the Grand Master states that "The general opinion seems to be that undoubtedly liquor will ultimately again be prohibited." Recommends that suspension of the action of the code against beer sellers already Masons be carried on for another year, but that the provision against application from

those in the liquor business remain as it is. "Thus, we will not be increasing our problem, and, in the course of time, we may be able to find sufficient evidences of good or evil so that we may adopt a definite policy."

The Grand Master recommended a life limit on dimits and the Committee on Jurisprudence concurred by suggesting a limit of three years before the dimit would be void for reaffiliation. Grand Lodge, however, appeared to specifically limit visitation privileges on dimits over a certain age and the whole question was tabled for another year.

Two Plans for Life Membership were a feature in the Proceedings.

A series of program talks based upon "The Charges of a Freemason" and divided under the titles of "The Mason in His Relation to Religion," to the State; to the Craft; and to the Profane; are favorably reported upon by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

In the Report on Correspondence, Alberta, as always, receives friendly mention.

Seventy-ninth Annual Communication to be held at Tacoma, June 16th, 1936.

Grand Master—Walter H. Steffey, Seattle.

Grand Secretary—Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A.M.M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA Proceedings ending May, 1935

We notice that by the practice of this Grand Jurisdiction the Board of General Purposes has supervision over amendment to By-Laws and authority of the subordinate lodges to borrow money.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in a very sound condition. The Grand Master points out in one of his addresses the very liquid nature of the assets which are mostly in hard cash or its equivalent.

On the installation of one of the lodges the Installing Brethren travelled one hundred and twenty miles, which certainly indicates fraternal interest.

We quote re the foundation of this lodge:

"The foundation members of the new Lodge are most zealous craftsmen. They purchased an obsolete explosive magazine and converted it into a Masonic Temple, small in dimensions, but equal to their requirements for several years. Excepting the turned work, the brethren made all their Lodge furniture and equipment; added an ante-room to the building; laid a cement floor to the Lodge Room, and painted thereon a tessellated pavement."

The Grand Master draws to the attention of the lodges that in some cases, while at refreshment, songs have been sung to religious

music. He deprecates this owing to the danger of wounding the religious susceptibility of some of the brethren.

Referring to the death of one of the brethren the Grand Master says: "He was my personal friend during the past thirty-five years." We quote this as throwing a very pleasant light on the character of the Grand Master.

During the term the membership increased slightly, which is encouraging.

Attached is the scholarly, interesting and stimulating review by R. W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon, P.S.G.W.

Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Fred A. McMullen.

Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. A. E. Jensen, P.S.G.W.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-first Annual Communication was held in the City of Williamson on October 16th, 1935; Grand Master, M. W. Bro. L. D. Willis, presiding.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, P.G.M. The Grand Secretary reported by name those Grand Representatives who were absent. The Grand Representatives were welcomed by M. W. Bro. L. N. Tavenner, P.G.M., in a brief speech in which he assured them that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia stands firm in loyalty to country and supporters of the home, the church and family ties, and opposed to Communism and enemies of our Fraternity, the brethren of which in the long past have secured our liberties. M. W. Bro. Wm. K. Cowden, P.G.M., replied, in which he also referred to the Ancient Landmarks, saying, "They are the one universal tie that binds all Freemasons wheresoever dispersed. Ages ago our first Grand Master said, 'Remove not the Ancient Landmark which thy fathers have set'."

R. W. Bro. James M. Clift, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was then introduced and gave a very fine short address along historical lines affecting both Grand Lodges. He mentioned that both Virginia and West Virginia have pleasant fraternal relations with some of the Latin-American Grand Lodges, some of which designate them as Virginia Orient—East, and Virginia Occident—West, and as Grand Secretaries they frequently get communications intended for the other.

The Grand Master's Address speaks with pleasure of the peace and harmony which prevails in his jurisdiction, one exception only being noted, which was a case where he refused to allow a lodge to install its officers-elect on account of their lack of proficiency, which lack was established by a report of a Deputy Grand Lecturer and confirmed by himself on a personal visit and investigation. His action was protested by a faction of the lodge and submitted to without the

good grace which would have been becoming. The old officers of said lodge are still serving.

The jurisdiction again suffered a loss in membership, but is not so great as that of the previous year. He reports that nearly every lodge is again receiving petitions and conferring degrees.

He strongly recommends that weak lodges in the smaller communities give consideration to effecting consolidation with a nearby lodge in order to carry on as a useful Masonic unit.

He laid two corner stones, but refused to lay the corner stone of the United States Post Office Building at Princeton, because the government officials refused to have placed on the corner stone the proper Masonic inscription.

Among his decisions or rulings one might be mentioned. He ruled that the Treasurer of a lodge cannot resign his office.

He says regarding Masonic Education, "There comes at once to our mind what Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) said about the weather—'Everybody is talking about it, but no one is doing anything about it.' This, however, is not quite true." He has reason to believe there is a great deal more Masonic reading being done by the brethren than ever before. Masonic addresses are more practical and less eulogistic, but only a small percentage of the membership is interested in Masonic knowledge rather than the Work, and pointed out that it is easier to get an appropriation for banquets than for books.

During the year he had inquiries in regard to the position and activities of a Knights Templar escort at Masonic funerals and lays down some principles applicable to the question, which would appear to be entirely correct, at least in our opinion. "First: A Masonic funeral is conducted by a blue lodge only and independent of all other orders or societies. In modern practice, however, the lodge will stop at a church on the way or at the side of the grave for religious or other societies to pay their respects to the departed with funeral services. It also permits an escort of Knights Templar. In permitting this, however, the blue lodge yields none of its prerogatives. Second: The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of West Virginia has never given Masonic recognition to the order of Knights Templar. That is so, it is classed as an independent order. Third: The fact that all members of a Knights Templar escort at a Masonic funeral are Masons, which is always true, does not in any wise increase their prerogatives. Fourth: There is no Masonic law in West Virginia which prohibits a member from attending his lodge dressed in the uniform of a Knight Templar or in any other manner, providing he is properly clothed with a lamb-skin. It certainly would be poor taste, however, and I may say improper to do so, unless it should so happen to be necessary and such dress is prohibited by the dress regulations in some Grand Jurisdictions, particularly in England; trying to appear in two characters at one and the same time, without necessity therefor, is a little less than ridiculous. Fifth: If a Mason who is also a Knight Templar desires the Knights to have part in his burial, he should arrange for a Knights Templar funeral and burial and not request a Masonic burial." He goes on to apply these principles, saying the Master should not appear in a Knights Templar uniform. He should appoint pallbearers who shall not wear Knights Templar uniform nor shall he allow a Mason in Knights Templar uniform to perform the services at the graveside. As an escort is an honorary guard, it should take its position in such

manner as not to otherwise interfere with the labor of those who it is guarding and protecting. It therefore should not form the line from the hearse to the church or from the hearse to the grave. In short, the function of a Knights Templar escort is to guard and protect the Masonic lodge in its labor in the burial of a brother and not to perform that labor or any part thereof.

A resolution was introduced amending the Constitution so as to provide for the election of all officers down to and including the Junior Grand Deacon, moving that it be received and lie over for one year. The motion was lost, not having received the necessary one-third vote.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Louis N. Tavenner. In his Foreword, speaking of general conditions Masonically the world over, he finds in evidence zeal and loyalty to government, continued confidence in the great work of Masonry, pointing the way to nobler lives and broader culture of mind and heart, a firm adherence to faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man and loyalty to our principles.

Alberta for 1934 receives generous notice of M. W. Bro. Martland's year (not Bowes'). He speaks of the Report of the Committee on Benevolence as a good one and is interested in our Masonic Research and Education programme. He will regret to read of the death of our late M. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, who was Chairman of our Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence. The writer is very pleased that the area and population of Alberta has been adjusted. He does not feel so crowded now and can take a good and comfortable stretch.

J.H.W.S.K.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-first Annual Communication was held in Milwaukee on June 11th, 1935. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Oscar L. Dean, presided.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Elmer A. J. Brosius.

The Grand Master's address was a brief account of his activities. One of his first appointments was that of Bro. Frank Jenks as Foreign Correspondent to succeed his father, M. W. Bro. Frank Jenks, P.G.M., who for many years wrote the report.

He remarks on the rulings given that a large percentage of the interpretations he had been called upon to make dealt with the eighteenth landmark. Here is one of them: "Recently a candidate who has a glass eye petitioned this lodge. The petitioner is apparently in good physical condition otherwise. Can we receive his petition?—Answer: No." Apparently Wisconsin believes in the inviolability of the perfect youth tradition. There are several other rulings, on which apparently the Eighteenth Amendment must have some traditional bearing. In one case the applicant was a truck driver employed by a brewery and the lodge asked if they could accept his

petition. He ordered the petition returned as the lodge had no jurisdiction, the driver coming under the same category as the keeper of a saloon. He refused to permit a lodge to take money from its lodge funds to loan a brother to make good the amount he had embezzled and could only escape prosecution by making full restoration, the Grand Master being of the opinion that this could not be considered a charity case. He also declined to permit a lodge to donate money to a purely local Masonic band to which other Masonic bodies contributed.

He ruled that lodge officers must be elected by secret ballot and not by acclamation.

He finds conditions are improving. Lodge finances are in better shape and they are meeting their obligations satisfactorily. Petitions are coming in again "almost in the old time way," but he hopes there will not be another Masonic boom.

He notes they have lost since 1931 a total of 6,265 members, or less than 2½ per cent for each year, and feels that they have weathered the storm very well.

The Report of the Committee on Returns and Charters comments very fully on the manner in which returns are made. One hundred and twenty-two were typed, one hundred and eighty-six hand written, of which thirty-five were commended for care and neatness. In all there were one hundred and twelve reports which were considered good; three were not signed by the Secretary; fifteen had no seal; twenty-three were received late; twenty-two used initials only in reporting names. The committee orders that in the future no report will be considered complete unless the full christian name be given. They find that very many letters were written in the Grand Secretary's office before the returns were completed. The writer wonders if there is any Grand Lodge that can say, they have no such troubles.

The Report of the Committee on Outdoor Relief states that never before in the history of this Grand Lodge have requests for charity been so great and the committee feels anxious because of the condition of the fund, \$22,000.00 of their balance, represented by frozen assets which cannot be realized on during the coming year for carrying on the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge. Their Liquid Assets are less than \$8,000.00 and they need \$15,000.00 more to carry on the work. They therefore recommended an assessment of 40c per capita be levied for charity purposes and paid not later than October 1st of that year, saying if this is not done they would have to discontinue relief to needy Masons and their dependents and the lodges would have to carry the burden alone. The only other alternative being that the lodges in every case bear fifty per cent of the relief burden and the assessment levied at 20c per member. They point out that there are several lodges receiving aid in excess of the amount they pay in Grand Lodge dues. In one case the amount of the benefits exceeds the Grand Lodge dues of that lodge by \$1,275.36 and the benefits of five lodges are in excess of Grand Lodge dues in the amount of over a thousand dollars. The committee says that Grand Lodge is not in any sense an insurance organization and as has been often pointed out the burden of dispensing charity lies first with the individual, then with the lodge and lastly with the Grand Lodge. They add that many lodges regard it as a matter of right to have the Grand Lodge carry the entire burden, and maintain that no lodge should ask Grand Lodge for assistance until they themselves have exhausted every resource at their command to extend the relief themselves.

The committee made a further special report and it was resolved by Grand Lodge that an assessment of 20c per capita be levied, payable October 31st, 1935. So Wisconsin lodges will have to pay the 20c and also assume a larger proportion of relief themselves.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved of the Grand Master's decisions as a whole. They also recommended that no lodge shall enter upon the erection or purchase of a Masonic Temple without first submitting to the Grand Master for his approval definite plans therefor, together with the proposed plan of financing and a statement of the financial condition of the lodge, which was approved.

The Correspondence Report is by W. Bro. Frank Jenks, who succeeds his father and who gives every evidence of being a worthy successor. At the same time the writer must express regret that M. W. Bro. Jenks, because of illness, has had to lay down his pen and vacate his chair at the round table.

Alberta Proceedings apparently arrived too late to be included in the reviews.

J.H.W.S.K.

WYOMING

Sixty-first Annual Communication, at Douglas, August 26th and 27th, 1935.

Grand Lodge was convened in Ample Form by the M. W. Grand Master, John S. Stansbury. "America" was sung by the members. An address of welcome was made by Bro. C. O. Brown, of Ashlar Lodge. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present.

On the condition of the Craft the Grand Master reported as follows:

"On my visitations to the various Lodges throughout the state, I find that there is a more optimistic feeling existing than has for a number of years, and while as a whole we have lost a few, yet the loss was occasioned by suspensions for non-payment of dues. Many of our lodges have overlooked the laws in this regard through a true Masonic feeling and have carried in many instances brethren four and five years on their records. In many instances I have called their attention to the Code in this matter, and many of the lodges this year have taken the matter up and suspended a large number. When a man is able and earning a good salary or wages and can afford to buy new automobiles and be able to attend with his family places of amusement several times a month, but fails to attend his Lodge or pay his dues, such one, in my opinion, has no right to Masonic charity. It is the brother who through stress of circumstances and conditions is barely able to keep the wolf from the door to whom our Masonic charity should be extended and to those in every instance I have recommended leniency and forbearance."

The liquor question is a cause of anxiety, and the Grand Master was of the opinion that the sale or handling of liquor should be a Masonic offence.

The net loss in membership for the year was 93, one of the smallest to be noted.

The Grand Historian, in a brief address, pointed to the condition of Masonry in Russia, Germany and Italy, and predicted that it would rise again in those countries, just as it did in the United States after the Morgan episode early in the Nineteenth Century. We have heard this matter referred to frequently, but have never been given the details.

A Special Committee reported against changing from trial by the local lodge to trial by commission.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate and report on the advisability of changing the Code so as to provide that the fiscal year of subordinate lodges should end June 30th of each year, and also that election and installation of officers should take place in June instead of in December, requested another year in which to prepare their report. The opinion of every lodge is being asked.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals were able to report that peace and harmony had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the year.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary, submitted the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. If Bro. Lowndes is proud of this Report he will be forgiven by us, as we think that he has every reason for pride in his work. Sixty-four Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed. If one tires reading the record of matter-of-fact Proceedings he can turn his attention to the poetry with which nearly all the reports of American Grand Jurisdictions are prefaced. The favorite State song is given. Strangely enough, New York, the premier State, apparently does not have a "theme-song." "O Canada" introduces the Report of Canadian Grand Jurisdictions, and "God Save The King" those of the rest of the Empire. This song feature is both original and artistic. The several reports are quite full, and nothing has been missed that is of general interest. Alberta receives over two pages of review, with liberal quotations from the report of Grand Master Martland and Bro. Duncan's address on "Building Manhood."

William J. Hagans, Lander, Grand Master.

Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper, Grand Secretary.

C.V.B.

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